

Appendix L1

## ***Agency Correspondence***

**This page intentionally left blank.**





## LIST OF AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE

Date	To	From	Subject
02/06/09	Federal Highway Administration	Texas Department of Transportation	SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Notification of Project Initiation on US 281
03/10/09	Federal Highway Administration	Texas Department of Transportation	SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Notification of Project Initiation on US 281
08/04/09	Public Officials	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Public Scoping Meeting #1
08/14/09	Federal Agencies	Federal Highway Administration	Invitation to become a Cooperating Agency
08/14/09	Tribes & Department of the Army, Fort Sam Houston	Federal Highway Administration	Invitation to become a Participating Agency
08/14/09	State Agencies	Texas Department of Transportation	Invitation to become a Participating Agency
08/17/09	Local Agencies	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Invitation to become a Participating Agency
08/18/09	Federal Highway Administration	Wichita Department of Environmental Programs	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency (appears to be typos within this letter regarding the project name/type of project)
08/20/09	Federal Highway Administration	Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
09/03/09	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	VIA Metropolitan Transit	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
09/08/09	Federal Highway Administration	U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers	Response to invitation to become a Cooperating Agency
09/10/09	Federal Highway Administration	U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
09/14/09	Federal Highway Administration	U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers	Response to invitation to become a Cooperating Agency (second letter)
09/14/09	Federal Highway Administration	Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
09/14/09	Texas Department of Transportation	Texas Parks and Wildlife	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
09/22/09	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance	Response to invitation to participate in the Community Advisory committee
10/08/09	Federal Highway Administration	U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service	Response to invitation to become a Cooperating Agency



Date	To	From	Subject
10/26/09	Texas Department of Transportation	Federal Highway Administration	Establishing a Peer Technical Review Committee
10/29/09	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	San Antonio-Bexar county Metropolitan Planning Organization	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
11/04/09	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	Alamo regional Mobility Authority	Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2
11/04/09	Peer Technical Review Committee Members	Federal Highway Administration	Invitation to participate in the Peer Technical Review Committee
03/10/10	Peer Technical Review Committee Members	Federal Highway Administration	Invitation to participate in the Peer Technical Review Committee
10/01/10	Peer Technical Review Committee Members	Federal Highway Administration	Invitation to participate in the Peer Technical Review Committee
11/05/09	Public Officials	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Invitation to Public Scoping Meeting #2
11/25/09	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Response to invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2
12/02/09	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Response to invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2
12/30/09	Federal Highway Administration	Department of the Army, Fort Sam Houston	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
03/15/10	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	VIA Metropolitan Transit	U.S. 281 EIS and Transit Consideration
03/29/10	Public Officials	Alamo regional Mobility Authority	Invitation to Public Meeting #3
06/10 & 07/10	VIA Metropolitan Transit & Alamo Regional Mobility Authority		Letter of Agreement regarding U.S. 281 EIS and transit consideration
07/13/10	U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service	Jacobs on behalf of Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Request for a Prime farmland Evaluation
07/22/10	Jacobs on behalf of Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service	Response to request for a Prime Farmland Evaluation
10/18/10	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Endangered Bird Presence/Absence Surveys
11/04/10	Cooperating & Participating Agencies	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU – coordination of methodologies to be used and level of detail required in the analysis of alternatives
03/03/11	Homeowners Associations and Communities	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Notification of EIS preparation and offer to present project information at stakeholder group meetings.



Date	To	From	Subject
04/04/11	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Town of Hollywood Park	Request to become a Participating Agency and a member of the Community Advisory Committee
05/06/11	Town of Hollywood Park	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Invitation to become a Participating Agency
05/06/11	Town of Hollywood Park	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Invitation to become a member of the Community Advisory Committee
05/11/11	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Response to 10/18/10 letter regarding Endangered Bird Presence/Absence Surveys
11/14/11	Texas Department of Transportation	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Geological report and protective recommendations for a sensitive feature
07/31/13	Jacobs on behalf of Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	David Ortega, Mayor of Hollywood Park	Hollywood Park's concerns about the US 281 Corridor Project.
02/12/14	TxDOT, 850 Files	Scott Pletka, Ph.D.	Internal review of PA between TxDOT and SHPO and MOU between TxDOT and THC
02/21/14	Eric R. Oksanen, TxDOT – Principal Investigator	Mark Wolfe, THC Executive Director	SHPO concurrence on Report for Archeological Survey
03/05/14	U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service	Jacobs on behalf of Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Request for a Prime farmland Evaluation
03/07/14	Mario R. Jorge, P.E. and Jonathan Bean, P.E.	William E. Knowles, P.E.	Traffic Data for the Preferred Expressway Alternative
03/17/14	Jacobs on behalf of Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service	Response to request for a Prime Farmland Evaluation
04/08/14	David Ortega, Mayor of Hollywood Park	Phil Wilson, TxDOT, Ron Curry, EPA - Region 6, Robert Tally, FHWA – Texas Division	Hollywood Park's concerns about the US 281 Corridor Project.
04/24/14	David Ortega, Mayor of Hollywood Park	Achille Alonzi, FHWA – Texas Division	Response to 04/08/14 letter.
05/07/14	Ron Curry, EPA – Region 6	David Ortega, Mayor of Hollywood Park	Hollywood Park's concerns about the US 281 Corridor Project.



Date	To	From	Subject
06/09/14 and 06/11/14	Mr. Achille Alonzi FHWA – Texas Division Attn: Justin Ham	Carlos Swonke, TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division and Renee D. Green, P.E., Alamo Regional Mobility Authority and Michael R. Chavez, TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division	Requesting concurrence that the Expressway Alternative (as updated by the AAMPO <i>Mobility 2035</i> with a combination of non-toll and managed lanes) be identified as the Preferred Alternative
01/07/15	Mr. Carlos Swonke, TxDOT, Environmental Affairs Division cc: Barilyn West, TxDOT San Antonio District and Meghan Powlowski, TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division	E. Dawn Gardiner, US Fish & Wildlife Service	Confirmation that the final biological assessment is sufficient and initiation of ESA Section 7 formal consultation has begun.
01/20/15	Joe Weber, TxDOT cc: John Blevins, EPA, Administrator Gina McCarthy, EPA Region 6, Chairman John Camp, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority and Administrator Al Alonzi, FHWA Texas Division	Mayor Chris Fails, Hollywood Park	Hollywood Park's concerns about the US 281 Corridor Project and request for coordination and a meeting.
03/11/15	Mr. Carlos Swonke, TxDOT, Environmental Affairs Division cc: Barilyn West, TxDOT San Antonio District and Meghan Powlowski, TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division	Cliff Schleusner, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Acting Field Supervisor, Texas Coastal Ecological Services Field Office	Biological Opinion (see <b>Appendix I4</b> )



# Texas Department of Transportation

DEWITT C. GREER STATE HIGHWAY BLDG. • 125 E. 11TH STREET • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701-2483 • (512) 463-8585

February 6, 2009

Ms. Janice W. Brown  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 826  
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 notification of project initiation on US 281

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is initiating the environmental review process as required by SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 for an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed US 281 Corridor from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road (Bexar County Line). This is described in the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Mobility 2030 Plan and in the Transportation Improvement Plan as updated in January 2009, as an added capacity toll project for 6 additional main lanes to the existing lanes proposed in San Antonio, Texas within the Bexar County limits. However, alternatives to the described project, including a non-toll facility, will be analyzed and considered. The proposed project is approximately 7.9 miles and is located between 0.2 miles north of Loop 1604 and Borgfeld Road on US 281 (a project vicinity map is attached). The needs for the project, as currently defined, are compromised safety, decreased mobility and operational efficiency, and the necessity for expedited delivery and early implementation and the purposes of the project are to improve safety within the US 281 corridor, enhance mobility and operational efficiency and to deliver and implement the benefits in an expeditious manner.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) must serve as the lead Federal agency for this project, and TxDOT and the Alamo RMA will serve as joint lead agencies. The Alamo RMA will serve as the project sponsor. The responsibilities of the lead agencies are to:

- Establish a list of potentially participating and cooperating agencies
- Prepare and send invitations to potentially participating agencies
- Develop a SAFETEA-LU Section 6002-compliant Coordination Plan and schedule
- Provide opportunities for the public and participating agencies involvement in defining purpose and need and range of alternatives
- Consult with participating agencies in determining methodologies and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives.

THE TEXAS PLAN

REDUCE CONGESTION • ENHANCE SAFETY • EXPAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY • IMPROVE AIR QUALITY  
INCREASE THE VALUE OF OUR TRANSPORTATION ASSETS

*An Equal Opportunity Employer*

(2)

In addition to an Environmental Impact Statement, it is anticipated that this project may require the approval of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and coordination with the Texas Historical Commission for the Section 106 process.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the US 281 Project or the SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 process as it pertains to this project, please contact Lisa Adelman of Alamo RMA at (210) 495-5499 or Stephen Ligon of TxDOT at (512) 416-2515.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

Sincerely,

  
Dianna F. Noble, P.E.  
Director of Environmental Affairs

Enclosure (Map of Proposed Project)

cc: Terry Brechtel, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
Mario G. Medina, P.E., San Antonio District, TxDOT  
Stephen M. Ligon, Ecological Resources Management, ENV, TxDOT

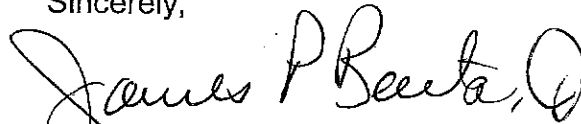
(2)

In addition to an Environmental Impact Statement, it is anticipated that this project may require the approval of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and coordination with the Texas Historical Commission for the Section 106 process.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the US 281 Project or the SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 process as it pertains to this project, please contact Lisa Adelman of Alamo RMA at (210) 495-5499 or Stephen Ligon of TxDOT at (512) 416-2515.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Dianna F. Noble, P.E.

Director of Environmental Affairs

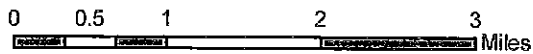
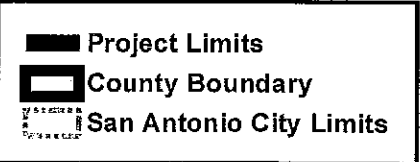
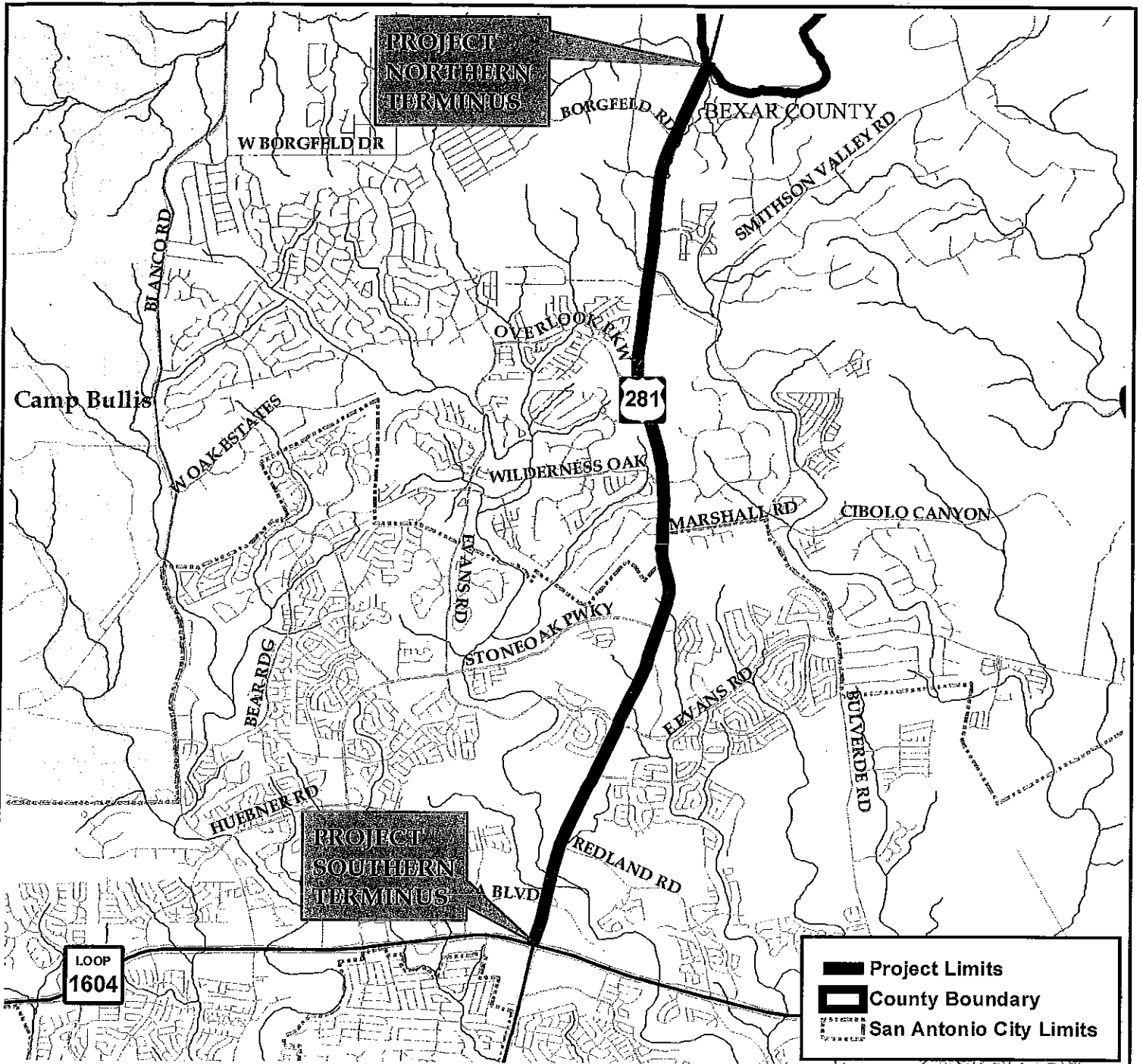


MP:SL:rl

Enclosure (Map of Proposed Project)

cc: Terry Brechtel, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
Mario G. Medina, P.E., San Antonio District, TxDOT  
Stephen M. Ligon, Ecological Resources Management, ENV, TxDOT  
bcc: DFN MP SL JPB FILE/rl

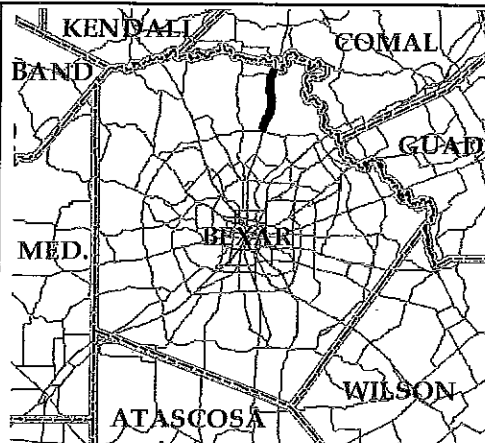
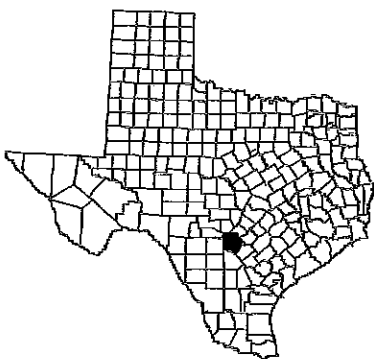
T:\NRM\Stephen Ligon\Letters\FORM OF 281 INITIATION NOTICEsml.docx



## PROJECT MAP

281 North Toll Project

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS







# **Texas Department of Transportation**

DEWITT C. GREER STATE HIGHWAY BLDG. • 125 E. 11TH STREET • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701-2483 • (512) 463-8585

March 10, 2009

Ms. Janice W. Brown  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 826  
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: SAFETEA-LU 6002 notification of project initiation on US 281

Dear Ms. Brown:

In a prior letter, dated February 6, 2009, you were notified that the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is initiating the environmental review process as required by SAFETEA-LU 6002 for an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed US 281 Corridor from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road. This letter is to supplement the information that was provided in that notice.

The Control Section Job (CSJ) number for this project is 0253-04-138.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the US 281 Project or the SAFETEA-LU 6002 process as it pertains to this project, please contact Lisa Adelman of Alamo RMA at (210) 495-5499 or Stephen Ligon of TxDOT at (512) 416-2515.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Dianna F. Noble, P.E.  
Director of Environmental Affairs

cc: Terry Brechtel, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
Lisa Adelman, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
Mario G. Medina, P.E., San Antonio District, TxDOT  
Stephen M Ligon, Environmental Affairs Division, TxDOT

**This page left intentionally blank.**



August 4, 2009

The Honorable Carlos Uresti  
State Senator, District 19  
2530 SW Military Drive Ste 103  
San Antonio, TX 78224

Dear Senator Uresti,

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) will hold a public scoping meeting regarding transportation improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road. The Alamo RMA is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the human and natural environment from construction and operation of proposed transportation improvements.

The public is encouraged to attend this first EIS public scoping meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2009, anytime between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm, at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Gymnasium, 1602 Thousand Oaks Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78232. The meeting will be open-house format with a variety of materials available for viewing. Project team members will be available to discuss issues and answer questions regarding the proposed project and the EIS process.

The purpose of this meeting is to introduce the public to the proposed project, present the preliminary need and purpose, present preliminary alternatives, and gather information from the public about important issues and local concerns, including options for improving mobility within the US 281 corridor.

Please feel free to contact Leroy Alloway or Lisa Adelman at 210.495.5256 with any questions on this first Community Open House for the US 281 EIS.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Brechtel  
Executive Director

Enclosure - US 281 EIS Community Open House Public Notice

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*DR. WILLIAM E. THORNTON*  
**CHAIRMAN**

*M. CRISTINA RODRIGUEZ*  
**VICE-CHAIR**

*REYNALDO L. DIAZ, JR.*  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

*JAMES R. REED*

*ROBERT S. THOMPSON*

*CHRISTEL VILLARREAL*

*TERRY M. BRECHTEL*  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**This page left intentionally blank.**

Letters regarding notification for public scoping meeting #1 were sent from the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to the following:

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Carlos Uresti State Senator, District 19 2530 SW Military Drive, 103 San Antonio, TX 78224	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Judith Zaffirini State Senator, District 21 12702 Toepperwein Road, Suite 214 San Antonio, TX 78233	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jeff Wentworth State Senator, District 25 1250 NE Loop 410, Suite 925 San Antonio, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Leticia Van de Putte State Senator, District 26 700 N. St. Mary's Street, Suite 1725 San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable John Carona Chairman, Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Rick Perry Governor of the State of Texas Office of the Governor, PO Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711-2428	August 4, 2009
The Honorable David Dewhurst Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Joe Straus Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Trey Martinez Fischer State Representative, District 116 1910 Fredricksburg Road San Antonio, TX 78201	August 4, 2009
The Honorable David Leibowitz State Representative, District 117 9107 Marbach Rd., Suite 111 San Antonio, TX 78245	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ruth McClendon State Representative, District 120 403 SW W. White Road, Suite 210 San Antonio, TX 78219	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Frank Corte State Representative, District 122 2040 Babcock, Suite 402 San Antonio, TX 78229	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Michael Villarreal State Representative, District 123 1114 S. St. Mary's Street, Suite 110 San Antonio, TX 78210	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jose Menendez State Representative, District 124 7121 US Highway 90 West, Suite 240 San Antonio, TX 78227	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Joe Farias State Representative, District 118 660 SW Military Drive, Suite L San Antonio, TX 78221	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Joaquin Castro State Representative, District 125 6502 Bandera, Suite 106 San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Joe Pickett Chair, House Committee on Transportation PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Julian Castro Mayor, City of San Antonio City of San Antonio, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Mary Alice P. Cisneros City Councilwoman, District 1 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ivy Taylor City Councilwoman, District 2 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jennifer V. Ramos City Councilwoman, District 3 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Phillip A. Cortez City Councilman, District 4 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ray Lopez City Councilman, District 6 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable David Medina City Councilman, District 5 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Justin Rodriguez City Councilman, District 7 Office of the City Council , PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Reed Williams City Councilman, District 8 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Elisa Chan City Councilwoman, District 9 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable John G. Clamp City Councilman, District 10 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 1 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Paul Elizondo Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Kevin Wolff Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 3 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Tommy Adkisson Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 4 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Charles Gonzalez 20th Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives B-124 Federal Bldg., 727 E. Durango San Antonio, TX 78206	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Lamar Smith 21st Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives 1100 NE Loop 410, Suite 640 San Antonio, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ciro Rodriguez 23rd Congressional District of Texas 1950 SW Military Drive San Antonio, TX 78221	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Henry Cuellar 28th Congressional District of Texas 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 451 San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Nelson Wolff Bexar County Judge Bexar County Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Deirdre Delisi Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ted Houghton Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ned Holmes Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
The Honorable William Meadows Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Fred Underwood Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
Dr. Richard Middleton Superintendent, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Beth Plummer Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Susan Galindo Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Sandy Hughey Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009



Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Letti Bresnahan Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Randy Bristow Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Brigitte Perkins Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ed White Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Denver McClendon Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Gary Beitzel Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Marcelo Casillas Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Anna Bustamante Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Roberto Zarate Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable James Rindfuss Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Charles Conner Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Gene Sprague Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Bernard Weiner Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
Dr. Bruce H. Leslie Chancellor, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Carol Patterson Board Member, District 1 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Byron Miller Board Member, District 2 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable George Rice Board Member, District 3 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Benjamin Youngblood Board Member, District 4 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ron Ellis Board Member, District 5 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Susan Hughes Board Member, District 6 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Enrique Valdivia Board Member, District 7 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
Ms. Velma Danielson General Manager Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Názirite Rubén Pérez Board Member, District 1 San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Roberto Rodriguez Board Member, District 2 San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jeff Neathery Board Member, District 3 San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Thomas Weaver Board Member District 4 San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
Mrs. Suzanne Scott General Manager San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Henry Muñoz, III Chairman VIA Board of Trustees Office of the President / CEO 800 W. Myrtle, PO Box 12489 San Antonio, TX 78212	August 4, 2009
Mr. Richard Perez President The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 602 E. Commerce San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
Mr. Victor Boyer Executive Director San Antonio Mobility Coalition 13526 George Road, Suite 107 San Antonio, TX 78230	August 4, 2009
Mr. Ramiro Cavazos President San Antnio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 318 W. Houston St., Suite 300 San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
Mr. Roy Thomas City Administrator City of Fair Oaks Ranch 7286 Diezt Elkhorn Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Louis Cooper City of Alamo Heights 6116 Broadway Alamo Heights, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
Ms. Rebecca Waldman City Manager City of Alamo Heights 6116 Broadway Alamo Heights, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Suzanne De Leon City of Balcones Heights City of Balcones Justice Center 3300 Hillcrest Drive San Antonio, TX 78201	August 4, 2009
Mr. Sean Pate City Administrator City of Balcones Heights City of Balcones Justice Center 3300 Hillcrest Drive San Antonio, TX 78201	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Marcy Harper City of Castle Hills 209 Lemonwood Drive San Antonio, TX 78213	August 4, 2009
Ms. Rita Hoyl Assistant City Manager City of Castle Hills 209 Lemonwood Drive San Antonio, TX 78213	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Dennis Dunk Town of China Grove 2456 FM 1516 San Antonio, TX 78263	August 4, 2009
Ms. Susan Conaway City Secretary Town of China Grove 2456 FM 1516 San Antonio, TX 78263	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Al Suarez City of Converse 403 South Seguin Converse, TX 78109	August 4, 2009
Mr. Samuel Hughes City Manager City of Converse 403 South Seguin Converse, TX 78109	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Thomas Hicks City of Elmendorf PO Box 717 Elmendorf, TX 78112	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Cody Dailey City Administrator City of Elmendorf PO Box 717 Elmendorf, TX 78112	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Dan Kasprowicz City of Fair Oaks Ranch 7826 Dietz Elkhorn Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Don Darst City of Grey Forest 18502 Scenic Loop Helotes, TX 78023	August 4, 2009
Ms. Shannon Kinsley City Secretary City of Grey Forest 18502 Scenic Loop Helotes, TX 78023	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Thomas Schoolcraft City of Helotes 12951 Bandera, PO Box 507 Helotes, TX 78023	August 4, 2009
Mr. Rick Schroder City Administrator, City of Helotes 12951 Bandera, PO Box 507 Helotes, TX 78023	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Kirk Francis City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	August 4, 2009
Mr. Frank Morales City Administrator City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Richard McIlveen Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	August 4, 2009
Ms. Janice Alamia City Secretary Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Johnny Duffek, Jr. City of Kirby 112 Bauman Kirby, TX 78219	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
Ms. Zina Tedford City Manager City of Kirby 112 Bauman Kirby, TX 78219	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Chris Riley City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
Mr. Lanny Lambert City Manager City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Joe Painter City of Live Oak 8001 Shin Oak Drive Live Oak, TX 78233	August 4, 2009
Mr. Matt Smith City Manager City of Live Oak 8001 Shin Oak Drive Live Oak, TX 78233	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ronald Tefteller City of Olmos Park 119 W. El Prado Drive San Antonio, TX 78212	August 4, 2009
Ms. Amy Buckert City Manager City of Olmos Park 119 W. El Prado Drive San Antonio, TX 78212	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jim Parma City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	August 4, 2009
Mr. Kenneth Roberts City Manager City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	August 4, 2009
The Honorable A. David Marne City of Shavano Park 900 Saddletree Court Shavano Park, TX 78231	August 4, 2009
Mr. Manuel Longoria City Manager City of Shavano Park 900 Saddletree Court Shavano Park, TX 78231	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Paul Cuellar City of Somerset 7360 E. 6th Street Somerset, TX 78069	August 4, 2009
Ms. Melissa Gonzalez City Administrator City of Somerset 7360 E. 6th Street Somerset, TX 78069	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Hal Baldwin City of Schertz 1400 Schertz Parkway Schertz, TX 78154	August 4, 2009
Mr. Don Taylor City Manager City of Schertz 1400 Schertz Parkway Schertz, TX 78154	August 4, 2009
The Honorable J Bradford Camp City of Terrell Hills 5100 N. New Braunfels San Antonio, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
Mr. J. Mark Browne City Manager City of Terrell Hills 5100 N. New Braunfels San Antonio, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
The Honorable John H. Williams City of Universal City 2150 Universal City Blvd. Universal City, TX 78148	August 4, 2009
Mr. Ken Taylor City Manager City of Universal City 2150 Universal City Blvd. Universal City, TX 78148	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Rick Bruns City of Windcrest 8601 Midcrown Windcrest, TX 78239	August 4, 2009
Mr. Ronnie Cran City Administrator City of Windcrest 8601 Midcrown Windcrest, TX 78239	August 4, 2009
Mr. Mario Medina, P.E. District Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
Ms. Julia Brown , P.E. District Deputy Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	August 4, 2009
Mr. Amadeo Saenz, P.E. Executive Director Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
Mr. David Casteel, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for District Operations Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
Mr. Phillip Russell, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for Innovative Project Development Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
Mr. Seth Mitchell Chief of Staff Bexar County Bexar County Courthouse 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
Mr. Joe Aceves, P.E. Executive Director of Infrastructure Services Bexar County 233 North Pecos La Trinidad, Ste 420 San Antonio, TX 78207	August 4, 2009
Mr. Isidro Martinez Director San Antonio Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 South St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
Mr. Keith Parker President & CEO VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority 800 W. Myrtle, PO Box 12489 San Antonio, TX 78212	August 4, 2009
Mr. Duane Wilson President & CEO North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 12930 Country Parkway San Antonio, TX 78216	August 4, 2009
Ms. Mary Cruz President West San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 314 El Paso San Antonio, TX 78207	August 4, 2009



Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
Ms. Cindy Taylor President South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 8005 Crouch Road, Building 624E Brooks City-Base San Antonio, TX 78235	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Katie Reed Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable M'Lissa Chumbley Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Karen Freeman Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable George Britton, Jr. Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Annie Holmes Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Robert Blunt, Jr. Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Randall Fields Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
Mr. John Folks Superintendent Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Roland Gutierrez State Representative , District 119 3319 Sidney Brooks San Antonio, TX 78235	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Danny Scheel Comal County Judge 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Donna Eccleston Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 1 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jay Milikin Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 2 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Gregory Parker Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 3 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jan Kennady Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 4 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ray Jeffrey Mayor City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	August 4, 2009
Ms. Tiffany Littlepage City Secretary City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Doug Miller State Representative, District 73 387 W. Mill Street New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

**Texas Division**

August 14, 2009

300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 826  
Austin, TX 78701-3255  
Tel (512) 536-5901  
Fax (512) 536-5990  
[texas.fhwa@dot.gov](mailto:texas.fhwa@dot.gov)

In Reply Refer To:  
HA-TX

NAME

ADDRESS

Dear NAME:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation project on US 281. The project limits are from Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Road near the Bexar/Comal County line (CSJ 0253-04-138). The objectives of US 281 corridor improvements, as currently defined, are to improve mobility, enhance safety, and improve community quality of life. Additional information regarding the proposed project can be found in the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI).

Your agency has been identified as an agency that may have an interest in the proposed project due to the potential for [type of permit] which may be required for the proposed project. With this letter, we extend your agency an invitation to become a Participating Agency with the FHWA in the development of the EIS for the subject project. This designation does not imply that your agency either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to evaluation of the proposed project.

FHWA also requests the participation of the [name of agency] as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of the DEIS and FEIS, in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Cooperating Agencies are similar to Participating Agencies, but have a higher degree of authority, responsibility, and involvement in the environmental review process. As a Cooperating Agency, your special expertise permits you, as requested by the Lead Agency, to develop information and prepare environmental analyses for



the EIS. As a Participating Agency responsibilities include identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the project. We suggest that your agency's role in the development of the above project should include the following as they relate to your area of expertise:

- 1: Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
- 2: Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate.
- 3: Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

Again, FHWA is inviting the [name of agency] to serve in both a Cooperating Agency capacity as well as a Participating Agency capacity. Please respond to FHWA in writing with an acceptance or denial of the invitations prior to September 15, 2009. If your agency declines, the response should state your reason for declining either invitation. If you choose to decline, you must specifically state in your response that your agency:

- Has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the proposed project;
- Has no expertise or information relevant to the proposed project; and
- Does not intend to submit comments on the proposed project.

We are also transmitting a copy of the draft SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Coordination Plan for your review and comment. The draft Coordination Plan provides additional insight regarding the overall section 6002 process as well as specific roles and responsibilities for Cooperating and Participating Agencies.

Finally, we are inviting your participation at the upcoming Scoping Meeting. An Agency Scoping Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Gymnasium, 1602 Thousand Oaks Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78232. Later that same day and at the same location, the public is invited to attend a Public Scoping Meeting/Open House anytime between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the proposed project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact:

Mr. Ted West, P.E., Urban Programs Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 E. 8th Street, Ste. 826  
Austin, Texas 78701-3233  
(512) 536-5959

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Salvador Deocampo  
District Engineer

Enclosures: Project NOI, Draft Coordination Plan, Study Area Map

cc: Ms. Lisa Adelman, Alamo RMA  
Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E., TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

**This page left intentionally blank.**

Letters of Invitations to be a Cooperating Agency were sent from Federal Highway Administration to the following:

Invitations to be a Cooperating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Steven Brooks Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District U.S. Army Corp of Engineers PO Box 17300 Fort Worth, TX 76102	August 14, 2009
Mr. Donald W. Gohmert State Conservationist U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service 101 South Main Temple, TX 76501	August 14, 2009
Mr. Larry Starfield (Acting) Regional Administrator, Region 6 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, TX 75202-2733	August 14, 2009
Mr. Adam Zerrenner Supervisor, Austin Ecological Services Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200 Austin, TX 78758	August 14, 2009
Mr. Willie R. Taylor, Ph.D. Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance U.S. Department of the Interior Main Interior Building (MS 2462) 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20240	August 14, 2009
Ms. Peggy Crist Director, Planning and Program Development Federal Transit Administration 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36 Fort Worth, TX 76102-9003	April 7, 2010

**This page left intentionally blank.**





U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

**Texas Division**

DATE

300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 826  
Austin, TX 78701-3255  
Tel (512) 536-5901  
Fax (512) 536-5990  
[texas.fhwa@dot.gov](mailto:texas.fhwa@dot.gov)

In Reply Refer To:  
HA-TX

NAME  
TITLE  
ADDRESS

NAME:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation project on US 281. The project limits are from Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Road near the Bexar/Comal County line (CSJ 0253-04-138). The objectives of US 281 corridor improvements, as currently defined, are to improve mobility, enhance safety, and improve community quality of life. Additional information regarding the proposed project can be found in the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI).

The proposed project is located in an area that may be of interest to your Tribe. With this letter, we extend your Tribe an invitation to become a Participating Agency with the FHWA in the development of the EIS for the subject project. This designation does not imply that your Tribe either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to evaluation of the proposed project.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Participating Agencies are responsible to identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the proposed project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the proposed project. We suggest that your Tribe's role in the development of the above project should include the following as they relate to your area of expertise:



- 1: Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
- 2: Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate.
- 3: Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your tribe on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

Please respond to FHWA in writing by September 4, 2009, if your tribe wishes to become a Participating Agency.

We are also transmitting a copy of the draft SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Coordination Plan for your review and comment. The draft Coordination Plan provides additional insight regarding the overall section 6002 process as well as specific roles and responsibilities for Participating Agencies.

Finally, we are inviting your participation at the upcoming Scoping Meeting. An Agency Scoping Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Gymnasium, 1602 Thousand Oaks Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78232. Later that same day and at the same location, the public is invited to attend a Public Scoping Meeting/Open House anytime between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the proposed project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact:

Mr. Ted West, P.E., Urban Programs Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 E. 8th Street, Ste. 826  
Austin, Texas 78701-3233  
(512) 536-5959

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Salvador Deocampo  
District Engineer

Enclosures: Project NOI, Draft Coordination Plan, Study Area Map

cc: Ms. Lisa Adelman, Alamo RMA  
Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E., TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

Letters of Invitations to be a Participating Agency were sent from Federal Highway Administration to the following:

Invitations to be a Participating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Andele Worthington BIA-Anadarko PO Box 309 Anadarko, OK 73005	August 14, 2009
Mr. John Tointigh Tribal Administrator Apache Tribe of Oklahoma PO Box 1220 Anadarko, OK 73005	August 14, 2009
Mr. Gary McAdams President Wichita and Affiliated Tribes PO Box 729 Anadarko, OK 73005	August 14, 2009
Ronnie Thomas Chairperson Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas 575 State Park Road 56 Livingston, TX 77351	August 14, 2009
Tarpie Yargee Chief Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town PO Box 187 Wetumka, OK 74883	August 14, 2009
LaRue Parker Chairperson Caddo Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 487 Binger, OK 73009	August 14, 2009
Ms. Ruth Toahty NAGPRA Coordinator Comanche Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 908 Lawton, OK 73502	August 14, 2009
Mr. Evans Horse Chairperson Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma PO Box 369 Carnegie, OK 73015	August 14, 2009
Mr. Mark Chino President Mescalero Apache Tribe PO Box 227 Mescalero, NM 88340	August 14, 2009

Invitations to be a Participating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Enoch Kelley Haney Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 1498 Wewoka, OK 74884	August 14, 2009
Mr. Edgar French President The Delaware Nation PO Box 825 Anadarko, OK 73005	August 14, 2009
Mr. Anthony Street President Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma 1 Rush Buffalo Road Tonkawa, OK 74653	August 14, 2009
Mr. James V. Cannizzo Administrative and Civil Law U.S. Army AMEDDDC&S AND FSH 1306 Stanley Rd. (Bldg. 134) Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-5019	December 8, 2009

August 14, 2009

Name  
Title  
Agency  
Address

Dear Name:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation project on US 281. The project limits are from Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Road near the Bexar/Comal County line (CSJ 0253-04-138). The objectives of US 281 corridor improvements, as currently defined, are to improve mobility, enhance safety, and improve community quality of life. Additional information regarding the proposed project can be found in the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI).

Your agency has been identified as an agency that may have an interest in the proposed project. With this letter, we extend your agency an invitation to become a Participating Agency with TxDOT in the development of the EIS for the subject project. This designation does not imply that your agency either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to evaluation of the proposed project.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Participating Agencies are responsible to identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the project. We suggest that your agency's role in the development of the above project should include the following as they relate to your area of expertise:

- 1: Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
- 2: Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate.
- 3: Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

Please respond to TxDOT in writing by September 15, 2009 if your agency wishes to become a Participating Agency.

We are also transmitting a copy of the draft SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Coordination Plan for your review and comment. The draft Coordination Plan provides additional insight regarding the overall Section 6002 process as well as specific roles and responsibilities for Cooperating and Participating Agencies.

Finally, we are inviting your participation at the upcoming Scoping Meeting. An Agency Scoping Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Gymnasium, 1602 Thousand Oaks Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78232. Later that same day and at the same location, the public is invited to attend a Public Scoping Meeting/Open House anytime between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the proposed project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact:

Mr. Stephen Ligon  
Environmental Resources Management Branch  
Environmental Affairs Division  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 E. 11th Street  
Austin, TX 78701-2483  
(512) 416-2515

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Dianna F. Noble, P.E.  
Environmental Affairs Division Director

Enclosures: Project NOI, Draft Coordination Plan, Study Area Map

cc: Ms. Lisa Adelman, Alamo RMA  
Mr. Salvador Deocampo, District Engineer, Texas Division, FHWA

Letters of invitations to be a participating agency were sent from Texas Department of Transportation to the following:

Invitations to be a Participating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Mark R. Vickery, P.G. Executive Director Texas Commission on Environmental Quality PO Box 10387 Austin, TX 78711-3087	August 14, 2009
Mr. Mark Wolfe Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer PO Box 12276 Austin, TX 78711-2276	August 14, 2009
Mr. Carter Smith Executive Director Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744	August 14, 2009

**This page left intentionally blank.**



August 17, 2009

«Title» «Name» «LastName»«Suffix»

«JobTitle»

«Company»

«Address»

«City», «State» «PostalCode»

«GreetingLine»

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation project on US 281. The project limits are from Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Road near the Bexar/Comal County line (CSJ 0253-04-138). The objectives of US 281 corridor improvements, as currently defined, are to improve mobility, enhance safety, and improve community quality of life. Additional information regarding the proposed project can be found in the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI).

Your agency has been identified as an agency that may have an interest in the proposed project. With this letter, we extend your agency an invitation to become a Participating Agency with the Alamo RMA in the development of the EIS for the subject project. This designation does not imply that your agency either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to evaluation of the proposed project.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Participating Agencies are responsible to identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the project. We suggest that your agency's role in the development of the above project should include the following as they relate to your area of expertise:

- 1: Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
- 2: Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate.
- 3: Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy

of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

Please respond to the Alamo RMA in writing by September 15, 2009 if your agency wishes to become a Participating Agency.

We are also transmitting a copy of the draft SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Coordination Plan for your review and comment. The draft Coordination Plan provides additional insight regarding the overall Section 6002 process as well as specific roles and responsibilities for Cooperating and Participating Agencies.

Finally, we are inviting your participation at the upcoming Scoping Meeting. An Agency Scoping Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Gymnasium, 1602 Thousand Oaks Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78232. Later that same day and at the same location, the public is invited to attend a Public Scoping Meeting/Open House anytime between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the proposed project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact:

Ms. Lisa Adelman  
Legal Counsel to the Alamo RMA  
1222 N. Main Ave, 10th Floor  
San Antonio, Texas 78212  
(210) 495-5499

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Terry Brechtel  
Executive Director

Enclosures: Project NOI, Draft Coordination Plan, Study Area Map

cc: Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E., TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division  
Mr. Salvador Deocampo, District Engineer, Texas Division, FHWA

Letters of invitations to be a participating agency were sent from Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to the following:

Invitations to be a Participating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Ms. Gloria C. Arriaga Executive Director Alamo Area Council of Governments 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, TX 78217-6228	August 17, 2009
General Manager Bexar Metropolitan Water District PO Box 245994 San Antonio, TX 78224-5994	August 17, 2009
The Honorable Julian Castro Mayor City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 17, 2009
Ms. Velma R. Danielson General Manager Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78215	August 17, 2009
The Honorable Ray Jeffrey Mayor City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	August 17, 2009
Mr. Isidro Martinez Director San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 S. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78205	August 17, 2009
Mr. Keith Parker President & CEO VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 W. Myrtle Avenue San Antonio, TX 78212	August 17, 2009
Mr. Robert R. Puente, J.D. President & CEO San Antonio Water System PO Box 2449 San Antonio, TX 78298-2449	August 17, 2009
The Honorable Danny Scheel County Judge Comal County 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 17, 2009

Invitations to be a Participating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Ms. Suzanne B. Scott General Manager San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther Street San Antonio, TX 78204	August 17, 2009
The Honorable Nelson W. Wolff County Judge Bexar County Bexar County Courthouse 100 Dolorosa, Suite 1.20 San Antonio, TX 78205	August 17, 2009
Mr. Tim Treviño Public Relations Director Alamo Area Rural Planning Organization 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, TX 78217	November 4, 2010



Wichita Department of Environmental Programs

P.O. Box 729, Anadarko, OK 73005

Ph. 405/247-2425 Fax 405/247-5398

www.wichitatribe.com

RECEIVED ON  
AUG 21 2009  
TEXAS DIVISION  
FHWA

August 18, 2009

Department of Transportation  
Attn: Salvador Deocampo  
300 E. 8th Street, Room 826  
Austin, Texas 78701-3255

Dear Mr. Deocampo:

The Environmental Office of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has reviewed the documents you sent us in regards to the following proposed project of an Unguyed – Free Standing Tower described as:

**Project:** Transportation project on US 281

**Location:** Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas to Borgfeld Road near the Bexar/ Comal County Line

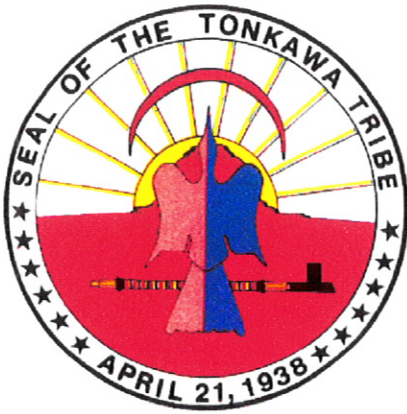
At this time the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes do not have any objections to the proposed project of a New Tower. However, we do have concerns in regards to the unearthing of cultural items or human remains. Please be advised that if such an event does occur your company shall cease all activities and inform the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes immediately. It should be noted that Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas have known historic sites and any discovery shall be reported to the Tribe immediately. Upon notification we will send a Tribal representative to the site to determine if any items or remains may be associated with the Wichita people.

Sincerely,

Jason Prince, General Assistance Program, Technician  
Wichita Department of Environmental Programs

Cc: Program File

**This page left intentionally blank.**



TONKAWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
**NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION  
AND REPATRIATION ACT**

• 1 RUSH BUFFALO ROAD, TONKAWA, OKLAHOMA 74653 •  
• PHONE (580) 628-2561 • FAX: (580) 628-9903 •  
WEB SITE: [www.tonkawatribe.com](http://www.tonkawatribe.com)

Mr. Ted West, P.E., Urban Programs Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 826  
Austin, Texas 78701-3233  
EMAIL-texas.fhwa@dot.gov

Date: August 20, 2009

Regarding the proposed construction projects listed we submit the following:

RE: Proposed transportation project on US 281 – Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Road near the Bexas/Comal County line

The Tonkawa Tribe has no specifically designated historical or cultural sites identified in the above listed project area. However if any human remains, funerary objects, or other evidence of historical or cultural significance is inadvertently discovered then the Tonkawa Tribe would certainly be interested in proper disposition thereof.

We appreciate notification by your office of the many projects on-going, and as always the Tonkawa Tribe is willing to work with your representatives in any manner to uphold the provisions of NAGPRA to the extent of our capability.

Respectfully,

NAGPRA Representative

Concurrence:

Tonkawa Tribe Business Committee

**This page left intentionally blank.**





September 3, 2009

Ms. Terry Brechtel  
Executive Director  
Alamo RMA  
1222 N. Main Avenue, Suite 1000  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

Dear <sup>Terry</sup>Ms. Brechtel,

In response to your letter dated August 17, 2009 regarding the proposed transportation project on US 281, VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA) accepts the invitation to be a participating agency, in accordance with Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU, for the EIS. VIA is pleased that the EIS will develop and evaluate a range of alternatives including rapid transit. Jesse Balleza, Vice President of Strategic Planning and Project Development, will be VIA's point of contact for this project.

VIA looks forward to working with the Alamo RMA on this important transportation project for our community.

Sincerely,

  
Keith T. Parker, AICP  
President/CEO

**This page left intentionally blank.**



RECEIVED ON

SEP 11 2009

TEXAS DIVISION

FHWA

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

P.O. BOX 17300

FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

September 8, 2009

Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division  
Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Project Number SWF-2009-00366, US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road

Mr. Ted West, P.E.  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 East 8th Street, Suite 826  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. West, P.E.:

Thank you for your letter received 08/17/2009. Your request has been assigned Project Number SWF-2009-00366.

Mr. Eric Dephouse has been assigned as the regulatory project manager for your request and will be evaluating it as expeditiously as possible. However, because of our permit workload it may take a while for us to respond.

You may be contacted for additional information about your request. For your information, please reference the Fort Worth District Regulatory Branch homepage at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/regulatory> and particularly guidance on submittals at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdate/enviro/regulatory/introduction/submittal.pdf>, and mitigation at [http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/final\\_cmr.aspx](http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/final_cmr.aspx) that may help you supplement your current request or prepare future requests.

If you have any questions about the evaluation of your submittal or would like to request a copy of one of the documents referenced above, please contact Mr. Eric Dephouse at the address above or telephone (817) 886-1820 and refer to your assigned project number. Please note that it is unlawful to start work without a Department of the Army permit if one is required.

Please help the Regulatory Program improve its service by completing the survey on the following website: <http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>.

Stephen L Brooks  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

**This page left intentionally blank.**



# United States Department of the Interior

U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Reston, VA 20192

RECEIVED ON

SEP 18 2009

TEXAS DIVISION  
FHWA

In Reply Refer To:  
Mail Stop 423  
ER 09/703

SEP 10 2009

Mr. Salvador Deocampo  
District Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 E. 8th St.  
Room 826  
Austin, TX 78701-3255

Subject: HA-TX, Invitation to Become a Participating Agency for the Environmental Review Process, US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road, Bexar, County, TX

Dear Ms. Whitney:

This is in response to your letter dated August 14, 2009 to the Director of the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance requesting that the U.S. Department of the Interior serve as a participating agency on the subject environmental review process.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) declines the request to be an official participating agency for this NEPA activity. The basis of this decision is that the USGS has no official jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project or the natural resources that may be affected by the proposed action. However, the USGS is a source of scientific data and expertise concerning the natural resources of the project area.

If you have any questions concerning our decision, you can contact me at (703) 648-4423. For information concerning the natural resources of the project area, contact Robert Joseph, Director of the USGS Texas Water Science Center, at (.512) 927-3502.

Sincerely,

James F. Devine

Senior Advisor for Science Applications

Copies to:  
DOI Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
USGS Texas Water Science Center

**This page left intentionally blank.**



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P.O. BOX 17300  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

RECEIVED ON

SEP 14 2009

TEXAS DIVISION  
FHWA

September 11, 2009

Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division  
Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Project Number SWF-2009-00366, U.S. 281 From Loop 1604 To Borgfeld Road

Mr. Ted West  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 826  
Austin, Texas 78701-3233

Dear Mr. West:

Thank you for your letter received August 17, 2009, concerning a proposal by the Federal Highway Administration, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to initiate the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for a proposed transportation project in the U.S. 281 corridor, in San Antonio, in the county of Bexar, Texas. This project has been assigned Project Number SWF-2009-00366. Please include this number in all future correspondence concerning this project. Failure to reference the project number may result in a delay.

We have reviewed this project in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Under Section 404, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. Our responsibility under Section 10 is to regulate any work in, or affecting, navigable waters of the United States. Any such discharge or work requires Department of the Army authorization in the form of a permit. For more information on the USACE Regulatory Program, please reference the Fort Worth District Regulatory Branch homepage at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/regulatory>.

The USACE can act as a cooperating agency and participating agency for the EIS process. However, we are unable to determine from the information that you provided in your letter whether Department of the Army authorization will be required, and if so, in what form. We have determined that areas subject to Section 404 regulation, such as rivers, streams and creeks, as well as wetlands, playa lakes, on-channel ponds, isolated ponds, abandoned sand and gravel & construction pits, and other associated areas may occur within the proposed project area. Mechanized land clearing & grading, constructing temporary and permanent road crossings (including bridges), support facilities and associated drainage features and structures are examples of projects that may require Department of the Army authorization where they occur in waters of the United States. The proposed construction activities may be authorized by general permit, such as Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14 for Linear Transportation Projects. We have

enclosed a copy of this general permit for your reference. If the project does not meet the terms and conditions of a general permit, an individual permit would be required for authorization.

Important cultural resources are known to occur in the vicinity of the project area. In addition, threatened and endangered species, including the Ground Beetle (*Rhadine infernalis*, *Rhadine exilis*), Black-Capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*), Braken Bat Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina venii*), Cokendolpher Cave Harvestman (*Texella cokendolpheri*), Comal Springs Dryopid Beetle (*Stygoparnus comalensis*), Comal Springs Riffle Beetle (*Heterelmis comalensis*), Fountain Darter (*Etheostoma fonticola*), Golden-Cheeked Warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), Government Canyon Bat Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina vespera*), Government Canyon Bat Cave Spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*), Helotes Mold Beetle (*Batrisodes venyivi*), Madla's Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina madla*), Peck's Cave Amphipod (*Stygobromus pecki*), Robber Baron Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina baronia*), San Marcos Gambusia (*Gambusia georgei*), San Marcos Salamander (*Eurycea nana*), Texas Blind Salamander (*Typhlomolge rathbuni*), Texas Wild-Rice (*Zizania texana*), and the Whooping Crane (*Grus Americana*) are known to occur in Bexar County. Please consider the potential effects of your proposed action on cultural resources, as well as threatened and endangered species in your planning efforts. For additional information about threatened and endangered species, please contact the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

We encourage you to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to streams, wetlands, and other waters of the United States in planning this project. When more detailed information about the project is available, please provide us with a fully completed application for NWP 14 for Linear Transportation Projects (if applicable) and/or fully completed application for Individual Permit, including the ENG Form 4345 (if applicable). These forms are located on the Fort Worth District Regulatory Branch homepage at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdata/environ/regulatory/permitting/applicationforms/applicationforms.asp>. In addition, please include on exhibits within your submittal areas where previously issued USACE permits apply and are in effect. Also, please explain whether or not this project is a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Please refer to the enclosed guidance for Department of the Army submittals for additional details about what you should submit. Please forward your response as soon as possible so that evaluation of your request may continue. Please note that it is unlawful to start work without a Department of the Army permit if one is required.





# ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TEXAS

571 State Park Rd 56 • Livingston, Texas 77351 • (936) 563-1100

September 14, 2009

RECEIVED ON  
SEP 16 2009  
TEXAS DIVISION  
FHWA

Ted West, P.E.  
Urban Programs Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 826  
Austin, Texas 78701-3233

Dear Mr. West:

On behalf of Chief Oscola Clayton Sylestine and the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, our appreciation is expressed on your agency's efforts to consult us regarding HA-TX the proposed environmental assessment for US 281 transportation project in Bexar County.

Our Tribe maintains ancestral associations throughout the state of Texas despite the absence of written records to completely identify Tribal activities, villages, trails, or burial sites. However, it is our objective to ensure significances of Native American ancestry, especially of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, are administered with the utmost regard.

Upon review of the August 14, 2009 information summary submitted to our Tribe, we decline the opportunity to participate in this consultation. The proposed location exists beyond our perimeter of interest for Bexar County. Therefore, no impacts to religious, cultural, or historical assets of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas will occur in conjunction with this proposal.

Should you require additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryant J. Celestine".

Bryant J. Celestine  
Historic Preservation Officer

**This page left intentionally blank.**



Life's better outside.®

September 14, 2009

Commissioners

Peter M. Holt  
Chairman  
San Antonio

T. Dan Friedkin  
Vice-Chairman  
Houston

Mark E. Bivins  
Amarillo

Ralph H. Duggins  
Fort Worth

Antonio Falcon, M.D.  
Rio Grande City

Karen J. Hixon  
San Antonio

Dan Allen Hughes, Jr.  
Beeville

Margaret Martin  
Boerne

S. Reed Morian  
Houston

Lee M. Bass  
Chairman-Emeritus  
Fort Worth

---

Carter P. Smith  
Executive Director

Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E  
Environmental Affairs Division Director  
Environmental Affairs Division  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78701-2483

RE: Invitation to Become a Participating Agency with Texas Department of Transportation in the Development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for US 281, From Loop 1604 North to Borgfeld Road Near Bexar/Comal County Line, Bexar County (CSJ 0253-04-138)

Dear Ms. Noble:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is pleased to accept your invitation to become a participating agency for the proposed subject EIS and looks forward to participating in the development of the EIS. I will be the point of contact on this project. Please direct any project related information to my attention. I regret that I was not able to attend the Scoping Meeting on August 27, 2009 in San Antonio due to a prior commitment and would like to request that the information provided at the meeting be sent to me. I can be reached at (512) 389-8054 or by email [karen.clary@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:karen.clary@tpwd.state.tx.us).

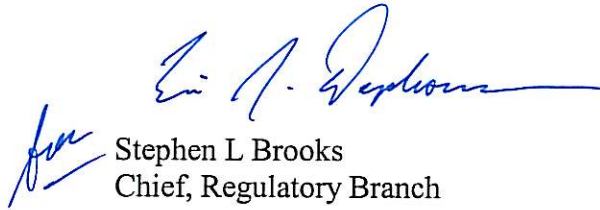
Sincerely,

Karen H. Clary, Ph.D.  
Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program  
Wildlife Division

KHC:gg.5791

Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. For your information, please reference the Fort Worth District Regulatory Branch homepage at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/regulatory> and particularly guidance on submittals at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdata/enviro/regulatory/introduction/submittal.pdf>, and mitigation at [http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/final\\_cmr.aspx](http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/final_cmr.aspx) that may help you supplement your current request or prepare future requests. If you have any questions concerning our regulatory program, please contact Eric Dephouse at the address above or telephone (817) 886-1820.

Sincerely,

 Stephen L Brooks  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



## Member Organizations

Alamo Group of the Sierra Club  
Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas  
Austin Regional Sierra Club  
Bexar Audubon Society  
Boerne Together  
Cibolo Nature Center  
Citizens Allied for Smart Expansion  
Environmental Stewardship  
Committees of the Episcopal Church of  
Reconciliation & Episcopal Diocese of  
West Texas  
Environment Texas  
First Universalist Unitarian Church of  
San Antonio  
Friends of Canyon Lake  
Fuerza Unida  
Government Canyon Natural History  
Association  
Hays Community Action Network  
Helotes Heritage Association  
Helotes Nature Center  
Hill Country Planning Association  
Guardians of Lick Creek  
Kendall County Well Owners Association  
Kinney County Ground Zero  
Medina County Environmental Action  
Association  
Northwest Interstate Coalition of  
Neighborhoods  
OST 100  
Preserve Castroville  
Preserve Lake Dunlop Association  
Preserve Our Water-Blanco County  
San Antonio Conservation Society  
San Geronimo Valley Alliance  
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance  
San Marcos River Foundation  
Santuario Sisterfarm  
Save Barton Creek Association  
Save Our Springs Alliance  
Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance  
Securing a Future Environment  
Sisters of the Divine Providence  
Smart Growth San Antonio  
SEED Coalition  
Texas Water Alliance  
West Texas Springs Alliance  
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation  
Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

PO Box 15618  
San Antonio, Texas 78212  
(210) 320-6294  
[www.AquiferAlliance.org](http://www.AquiferAlliance.org)

September 22, 2009

Alamo RMA  
Attn: Leroy Alloway  
1222 N. Main, Ste. 1000  
San Antonio, TX 78212

Dear Mr. Alloway,

The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide initial comments on the EIS-CAC process to assess improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road.

According to the US 281 EIS Community Involvement Plan, the Alamo RMA Board of Directors chose to invite 14 organizations<sup>1</sup>, which represent interests of residents who live along the US 281 corridor. Additionally, the Alamo RMA Board invited five organizations<sup>2</sup> with business activity or interests along the US 281 corridor. As the US 281 corridor is located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, the city's main source of water, all residents of San Antonio - and the larger Texas Hill Country - will be affected by any decisions that come out of this EIS process.

**We ask that the Alamo RMA Board extend an invitation for participation on the CAC to individuals and/or organizations with broader, city-wide focus.** Broadening the composition of the group would better facilitate well-rounded discussion regarding this stretch of US 281 and the environmentally vulnerable land on which it is located.

Though we appreciate that three environmental non-profits<sup>3</sup> have been invited to participate in the CAC, **GEAA requests that the committee be further expanded to include representatives from several additional environmentally-focused non-profit organizations**, such as the Texas Cave Management Association and Bexar Audubon Society. The proposed highway expansion occurs in proximity to protected lands and

---

<sup>1</sup>Big Springs HOA, Cavalo Creek Estates HOA, Cibolo Canyons Resort Community, Inc., District 9 Neighborhood Alliance, Emerald Forest HOA, Encino Park HOA, Encino Ranch HOA, Lookout Canyon HOA and Property Owners Association, Mesa Vista HOA, Mountain Lodge HOA, Stone Oak Property Owners Assoc., Summerglen HOA, Timberwood Park HOA, Comal County Resident

<sup>2</sup>H-E-B Grocery Company, Methodist Stone Oak Hospital, North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate Council of San Antonio, Stone Oak Business Assoc.

<sup>3</sup>Alamo Sierra Club, Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance



Alamo Group of the Sierra Club  
Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas  
Austin Regional Sierra Club  
Bexar Audubon Society  
Boerne Together  
Cibolo Nature Center  
Citizens Allied for Smart Expansion  
Environmental Stewardship  
Committees of the Episcopal Church of  
Reconciliation & Episcopal Diocese of  
West Texas  
Environment Texas  
First Universalist Unitarian Church of  
San Antonio  
Friends of Canyon Lake  
Fuerza Unida  
Government Canyon Natural History  
Association  
Hays Community Action Network  
Helotes Heritage Association  
Helotes Nature Center  
Hill Country Planning Association  
Guardians of Lick Creek  
Kendall County Well Owners Association  
Kinney County Ground Zero  
Medina County Environmental Action  
Association  
Northwest Interstate Coalition of  
Neighborhoods  
OST 100  
Preserve Castroville  
Preserve Lake Dunlop Association  
Preserve Our Water-Blanco County  
San Antonio Conservation Society  
San Geronimo Valley Alliance  
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance  
San Marcos River Foundation  
Santuario Sisterfarm  
Save Barton Creek Association  
Save Our Springs Alliance  
Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance  
Securing a Future Environment  
Sisters of the Divine Providence  
Smart Growth San Antonio  
SEED Coalition  
Texas Water Alliance  
West Texas Springs Alliance  
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation  
Wimberley Valley Watershed Association


will impact caves, critical recharge areas, endangered species habitats, and other unique environmental resources. Extending an invitation to citizen groups that promote alternative, non-auto-centric transportation, like Bexar Trails, could also heighten the CAC's discussions and proposed solutions significantly. We have listed contact information for these organizations as an attachment.

Expanding the CAC in these ways would better balance the composition of the CAC and would more closely reflect the mission stated in the CAC Charter: "The CAC is intended to provide diverse representation of the communities and related interests potentially affected by US 281 transportation improvements."

**In addition, we ask that CAC members be provided links or copies of all federal and state statutes and rules that govern EIS process** to help us better perform our role as advisors.

Again, thank you for your attention to these comments. We hope that through the EIS process our community can come to a consensus in support of a solution that will serve the transit requirements of the citizens of San Antonio while adequately protecting our natural resources.

Sincerely,



Annalisa Peace  
Executive Director



Tom Hayes, Ph.D.  
Science Director



Elena Serna  
Special Projects Coordinator



## Member Organizations

Alamo Group of the Sierra Club  
Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas  
Austin Regional Sierra Club  
Bexar Audubon Society  
Boerne Together  
Cibolo Nature Center  
Citizens Allied for Smart Expansion  
Environmental Stewardship  
Committees of the Episcopal Church of  
Reconciliation & Episcopal Diocese of  
West Texas  
Environment Texas  
First Universalist Unitarian Church of  
San Antonio  
Friends of Canyon Lake  
Fuerza Unida  
Government Canyon Natural History  
Association  
Hays Community Action Network  
Helotes Heritage Association  
Helotes Nature Center  
Hill Country Planning Association  
Guardians of Lick Creek  
Kendall County Well Owners Association  
Kinney County Ground Zero  
Medina County Environmental Action  
Association  
Northwest Interstate Coalition of  
Neighborhoods  
OST 100  
Preserve Castroville  
Preserve Lake Dunlop Association  
Preserve Our Water-Blanco County  
San Antonio Conservation Society  
San Geronimo Valley Alliance  
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance  
San Marcos River Foundation  
Santuario Sisterfarm  
Save Barton Creek Association  
Save Our Springs Alliance  
Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance  
Securing a Future Environment  
Sisters of the Divine Providence  
Smart Growth San Antonio  
SEED Coalition  
Texas Water Alliance  
West Texas Springs Alliance  
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation  
Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

## ATTACHMENT: Suggested CAC Non-Profit Participants

### Bexar Audubon Society

Tony Wood  
[Tony.Wood@specpro-inc.com](mailto:Tony.Wood@specpro-inc.com)  
(210)494-4282

Susan Hughes  
[susan@wordwright.com](mailto:susan@wordwright.com)  
210-532-2032

### Bexar Trails

Bill Shea, M.D.  
210-386-6404  
[www.bexartrails.org](http://www.bexartrails.org)

### Texas Cave Management Association

Linda Palit, President  
[lkpalit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lkpalit@sbcglobal.net) or [linda@tcmacaves.org](mailto:linda@tcmacaves.org)  
<http://www.tcmacaves.org/>

**This page left intentionally blank.**



United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
101 South Main Street  
Temple, TX 76501

October 8, 2009

Mr. Ted West, P.E.  
Urban Programs Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 826  
Austin, Texas 78701-3233

RECEIVED ON  
OCT 09 2009  
TEXAS DIVISION  
FHWA

Dear Mr. West:

We have reviewed the information provided concerning the proposed corridor improvements to US Highway 281, from Loop 1604 to Borgfield Road, in Bexar County, Texas. This review is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation.

The proposed project may contain Important Farmland Soils. We would like to be involved as a cooperating agency and as a participating agency, so that we will be able to do an analysis of the effects of the project on Prime Farmland. We will be able to complete a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) when the details of the project are known.

If you have any questions please contact Soil Data Quality Specialist Laurie Kiniry at 254-742-9861.

Sincerely,

For

  
DONALD W. GOHMERT  
State Conservationist

*Helping People Help the Land*

An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

**This page left intentionally blank.**



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

**Texas Division**

300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 826  
Austin, TX 78701-3255  
Tel (512) 536-5900  
Fax (512) 536-5990  
[texas@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:texas@fhwa.dot.gov)

October 26, 2009

In Reply Refer To:  
HPP-TX

US 281 Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road  
Improvements to the Environmental Scoping Process

Mr. Dianna Noble, P.E.  
Director of Environmental Affairs Division  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms Noble:

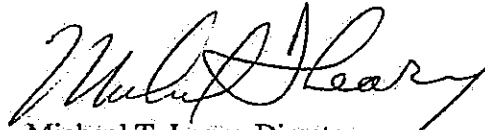
As you know, TxDOT, the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA) and this office are the joint leads for developing an the environmental impact statement (EIS) process for the subject project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FHWA's regulations. Based on recent discussions between elected officials in the San Antonio area and the lead agencies, we believe there is a lack of knowledge of the full extent of Federal oversight and the approval process for this EIS and a need to further involve the appropriate technical staff of the implementing local agencies. In the near future, this office will fully document the requirements under the current environmental process as required in Section 6002 of the SAFETEA-LU and our involvement and oversight of this current process. We will ask that the document be distributed to the participating and cooperating agencies.

We believe the creation of a peer technical committee to provide input in the data and methodologies used will assist and improve the environmental scoping process. The committee could include those environmental and planning peers from implementing agencies such as the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization( SABCMPO), Bexar County, City of San Antonio and others. The committee, which would include representatives of the lead agencies, would meet on a periodic basis with the consultant as the scoping process progresses. A representative of FHWA would chair the committee to provide continuity and resolve differences.



We believe it is necessary to implement the peer committee as soon as possible and incorporate it into the ongoing scoping process. A representative of this office will contact you in the near future to further develop the peer committee. Please call if you have questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Leary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael T. Leary, Director,  
Planning and Program Development



October 29, 2009


Ms. Terry Brechtel  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
1222 N. Main Avenue  
Suite 1000  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

Dear Ms. Brechtel:

The San Antonio – Bexar County MPO received your letter dated September 30, 2009, which was the invitation to become a participating agency in the development of the EIS in the US 281 North Corridor. MPO staff is available to participate in this project in whatever capacity the RMA feels would be appropriate.

If you have any questions, I may be reached at 227-8651. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
for Isidro "Sid" Martinez  
Director

**This page left intentionally blank.**

DATE

«Title» «Name» «LastName»«Suffix»

«JobTitle»

«Company»

«Address»

«City», «State» «PostalCode»

«GreetingLine»

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as lead federal agency, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA), as joint lead agencies, we invite you to attend a Scoping Meeting for the US 281 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Alamo RMA is preparing an EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the human and natural environment from the construction and operation of transportation improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road.

An initial agency scoping meeting for the project was held on August 27, 2009. A second agency scoping meeting is being conducted to further identify agency concerns and define the issues and alternatives that will be examined in detail in the Draft EIS.

The meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at Spring Hill Event Center, 2455 Celebration Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78261. A public scoping meeting will be conducted beginning at 5:30 PM later that same day and at the same location.

We urge you to participate in setting the scope for the US 281 EIS, including determining the preliminary project alternatives and analysis process that will be used to develop alternatives for evaluation in the Draft EIS. Your viewpoint is very important to FHWA, TxDOT and the Alamo RMA and is integral to the US 281 EIS decision-making process.

If you are unable to attend this scoping meeting please submit written comments to Leroy Alloway, Director, Community Development, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority, 1222 N. Main Avenue, Ste 1000, San Antonio, Texas 78212; you may also submit comments to the Alamo RMA by fax to 210-495-5403 or e-mail [US281EIS@AlamoRMA.org](mailto:US281EIS@AlamoRMA.org). For more information regarding US 281 and the EIS project, please visit [www.411on281.com](http://www.411on281.com).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the proposed project or the joint lead agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact:

Ms. Lisa Adelman  
Legal Counsel to the Alamo RMA  
1222 N. Main Ave, 10th Floor  
San Antonio, Texas 78212  
(210) 495-5499

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Brechtel  
Executive Director

Enclosures: Scoping Agency Meeting Location Map

cc: Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E., TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division  
Mr. Salvador Deocampo, P.E., District Engineer, Texas Division, FHWA



Letters of invitation were sent regarding agency scoping meeting #2 from Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to the following:

Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Steven Brooks Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 17300 Fort Worth, TX 76102	November 4, 2009
Mr. Donald W. Gohmert State Conservationist U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service 101 South Main Temple, TX 76501	November 4, 2009
Mr. Larry Starfield (Acting) Regional Administrator, Region 6 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, TX 75202-2733	November 4, 2009
Mr. Adam Zerrenner Supervisor, Austin Ecological Services Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200 Austin, TX 78758	November 4, 2009
Andele Worthington BIA-Anadarko P.O. Box 309 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2009
Mr. John Tointigh Tribal Administrator Apache Tribe of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1220 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2009
Mr. Gary McAdams President Wichita and Affiliated Tribes P.O. Box 729 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2009
Tarpie Yargee Chief Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town P.O. Box 187 Wetumka, OK 74883	November 4, 2009
LaRue Parker Chairperson Caddo Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 487 Binger, OK 73009	November 4, 2009

Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2	Date Letter Sent
<p>Ms. Ruth Toahty NAGPRA Coordinator Comanche Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 908 Lawton, OK 73502</p>	November 4, 2009
<p>Mr. Billy Evans Horse Chairperson Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma P.O. Box 369 Carnegie, OK 73015</p>	November 4, 2009
<p>Mr. Mark Chino President Mescalero Apache Tribe P.O. Box 227 Mescalero, NM 88340</p>	November 4, 2009
<p>Enoch Kelley Haney Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1498 Wewoka, OK 74884</p>	November 4, 2009
<p>Mr. Edgar French President The Delaware Nation P.O. Box 825 Anadarko, OK 73005</p>	November 4, 2009
<p>Mr. Anthony Street President Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma 1 Rush Buffalo Road Tonkawa, OK 74653</p>	November 4, 2009
<p>Mr. Mark Wolfe Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Texas Historical Commission P.O. Box 12276 Austin, TX 78711-2276</p>	November 4, 2009
<p>Mr. Carter Smith Executive Director Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TP&amp;WD) 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744</p>	November 4, 2009
<p>Mr. Mark R. Vickery, P.G. Executive Director Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087</p>	November 4, 2009
<p>Mr. Nelson W. Wolff County Judge Bexar County Bexar County Courthouse 100 Dolorosa, Suite 1.20 San Antonio, TX 78205</p>	November 4, 2009

Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Julián Castro Mayor City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 4, 2009
Mr. Danny Scheel County Judge Comal County 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 4, 2009
Mr. Ray Jeffrey Mayor City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 4, 2009
Ms. Velma R. Danielson General Manager Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78215	November 4, 2009
Mr. Robert R. Puente, J.D. President & CEO San Antonio Water System P.O. Box 2449 San Antonio, TX 78298-2449	November 4, 2009
Ms. Suzanne B. Scott General Manager San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, TX 78204	November 4, 2009
Mr. Isidro Martinez Director San Antonio – Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 South Saint Mary's San Antonio, TX 78205	November 4, 2009
Mr. Keith Parker President & CEO VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 W. Myrtle San Antonio, TX 78212	November 4, 2009
Ms. Gloria C. Arriaga Executive Director Alamo Area Council of Governments 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, TX 78217-6228	November 4, 2009
General Manager Bexar Metropolitan Water District P.O. Box 245994 San Antonio, TX 78224-5994	November 4, 2009

**This page left intentionally blank.**



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

**Texas Division**

300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 826  
Austin, TX 78701-3255  
Tel (512) 536-5900  
Fax (512) 536-5990  
[texas@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:texas@fhwa.dot.gov)

November 4, 2009

In Reply Refer To:  
HPP-TX

US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road  
Bexar County  
Re: Peer Technical Review Committee Membership Invitation

Ms. Terri Brechtel  
Executive Director  
Alamo RMA  
1222 N. Main Ave, 10th Floor  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

Dear Ms. Brechtel:

In an effort to further improve upon the communication and coordination on the development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed US 281: from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road study, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Joint Lead Agencies for the US 281 EIS (TxDOT and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority) are establishing a Peer Technical Review Committee comprised of those agencies whose expertise will be sought at key coordination points at appropriate times throughout the EIS process. These coordination points include development of the need and purpose, identification of the range of alternatives, collaboration on methodologies, completion of the Draft EIS, identification of the preferred alternative and the level of design detail and completion of the Final EIS.

In the spirit of cooperation, the Peer Technical Review Committee will meet approximately every three months during the EIS process to provide input on the data and methodologies for the EIS. As the responsible federal agency for the study, FHWA will chair the committee to provide continuity and assist in resolving differences. The initial list of Peer Technical Review Committee members includes the following agencies: FHWA (Committee Chair), TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division, TxDOT – San Antonio District, Alamo RMA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, San Antonio – Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Edwards Aquifer

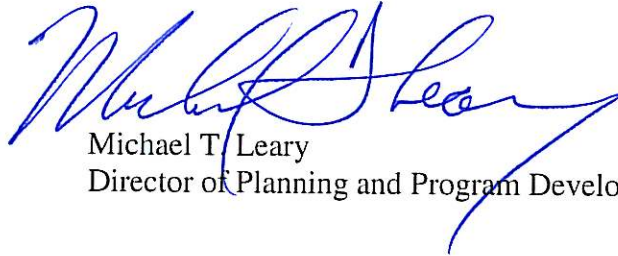


Authority, San Antonio Water System, VIA Metropolitan Transit, Bexar County, and the City of San Antonio. We invite you to actively participate in this process.

**The first meeting of the Committee is set for 10:00 AM next Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at the Alamo Area Council of Governments board room (Located at 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, Texas 78217-6228; (210) 362-5200). Please see-**  
<http://www.aacog.com/AboutAACOG/Directions/default.asp>

The meeting will address the US 281 EIS process and the roles and responsibilities of the Committee. We also encourage agencies to offer input on study methodologies and need and purpose at this time. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and to your cooperation on this regionally important project. We apologize for the short notice of this invitation. Please RSVP whether you plan to attend or not. Should you have any questions regarding this invitation, please contact Ted West at (512) 536-5959 or Tom Bruechert at (512) 536-5948. We look forward to working with each of you on this proposed project.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Leary  
Director of Planning and Program Development

Enclosure

Peer Technical Review Committee  
Tuesday November 10, 2009, 10 AM, AACOG Boardroom

Mike Leary (Ted West, Tom Bruechert & Theresa Claxton)  
Texas Division  
Federal Highway Administration  
[Michael.Leary@dot.gov](mailto:Michael.Leary@dot.gov)

Terry Brechtel  
Executive Director  
Alamo RMA  
[tbrechtel@alamorma.org](mailto:tbrechtel@alamorma.org)

Dianna Noble (Vicki Crnich & Steve Ligon)  
Environmental Affairs Division  
Texas Department of Transportation  
[DNOBLE@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:DNOBLE@dot.state.tx.us)

Steven Brooks  
Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 17300  
Fort Worth, TX 76102  
[Steven.Brooks@usace.army.mil](mailto:Steven.Brooks@usace.army.mil)

Luela Roberts  
Austin Ecological Services Office  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200  
Austin, TX 78758  
[Luela\\_Roberts@fws.gov](mailto:Luela_Roberts@fws.gov)

Karen Clary  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TP&WD)  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, TX 78744  
[Karen.clary@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:Karen.clary@tpwd.state.tx.us)

Mike Frisbie  
City of San Antonio  
111 Soledad, Suite 725  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
[Mike.Frisbie@SanAntonio.gov](mailto:Mike.Frisbie@SanAntonio.gov)

Joe Aceves  
Bexar County  
233 N. Pecos, Suite 420  
San Antonio, TX 78207  
[jaceves@bexar.org](mailto:jaceves@bexar.org)

Andrew Winter, PE.  
Environmental Eng.  
Bexar County  
233 N. Pecos, Suite 420  
San Antonio, TX 78207  
[awinter@bexar.org](mailto:awinter@bexar.org)

John Hoyt  
Asst. General Manager  
Edwards Aquifer Authority  
1615 N. St. Mary's Street  
San Antonio, TX 78215  
[jhoyt@edwardsaquifer.org](mailto:jhoyt@edwardsaquifer.org)

Sid Martinez, Director  
San Antonio – Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
825 South Saint Mary's  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
[ismartinez@sametroplan.org](mailto:ismartinez@sametroplan.org)

Roland Lozano  
VIA Metropolitan Transit  
800 W. Myrtle  
San Antonio, TX 78212  
[Roland.Lozano@viainfo.net](mailto:Roland.Lozano@viainfo.net)

Clay Smith (Julie Brown)  
TxDOT – San Antonio District  
4615 N. Loop 410, P.O. Box 29928  
San Antonio, TX 78229-0928

Robert Puente, CEO  
San Antonio Water System  
P.O. Box 2449  
San Antonio, TX 78298-2449

Greg Flores III  
VP Public Affairs  
San Antonio Water System  
P.O. Box 2449  
San Antonio, TX 78298-2449



Letters of invitations to be a member of the Peer Technical Review Committee were sent from the Federal Highway Administration to the following:

Invitations to be a member of the Peer Technical Review Committee	Date Letter Sent
Ms. Terri Brechtel Executive Director Alamo Regional Mobility Authority 1222 N. Main Ave., 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor San Antonio, TX 78212	November 4, 2009
Mr. Joe Aceves Bexar County 233 N. Pecos, Suite 420 San Antonio, TX 78207	November 4, 2009
Mr. Andrew Winter Environmental Engineer Bexar County 233 N. Pecos, Suite 420 San Antonio, TX 78207	November 4, 2009
Mr. Mike Frisbie City of San Antonio 111 Soledad, Suite 725 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 4, 2009
Mr. John Hoyt Assistant General Manager Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78215	November 4, 2009
Mr. Sid Martinez Director San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 S. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78205	November 4, 2009
Mr. Greg Flores III Vice President Public Affairs San Antonio Water System PO Box 2449 San Antonio, TX 78298-2449	November 4, 2009
Mr. Robert Puente Chief Executive Officer San Antonio Water System PO Box 2449 San Antonio, TX 78298-2449	November 4, 2009
Ms. Dianna Noble Environmental Affairs Division Texas Department of Transportation 125 E. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street Austin, TX 78701	November 4, 2009
Ms. Karen Clary Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744	November 4, 2009

Invitations to be a member of the Peer Technical Review Committee	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Clay Smith Texas Department of Transportation – San Antonio District 4615 N. Loop 410, PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229-0928	November 4, 2009
Mr. Steven Brooks Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers PO Box 17300 Fort Worth, TX 76102	November 4, 2009
Ms. Luela Roberts Austin Ecological Services Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200 Austin, TX 78758	November 4, 2009
Mr. Roland Lozano VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 W. Myrtle Ave San Antonio, TX 78212	November 4, 2009
Ms. Lynn M. Bumguardner Water Section Manager Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 14250 Judson Road San Antonio, TX 78233-4480	March 10, 2010
Mr. Mark Wolfe Executive Director Texas Historical Commission PO Box 12276 Austin, TX 78711-2276	October 1, 2010

November 5, 2009

[Recipient Name]  
[Title]  
[Company Name]  
[Street Address]  
[City, ST ZIP Code]

Dear [Recipient Name]:

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) will hold the second public scoping meeting regarding transportation improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road. The Alamo RMA is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the human and natural environment from the construction and operation of transportation improvements.

The public is encouraged to attend the second EIS public scoping meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, between 5:30 pm and 8:30 pm, at Spring Hill Event Center, 2455 Celebration Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78261. The meeting will consist of an open house from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, a presentation at 6:30 pm and small group work sessions beginning at 7:00 pm. Project team members will be available to discuss issues and answer questions regarding preliminary alternatives and the EIS process.

The purpose of this meeting is to introduce and gather public input on the preliminary project alternatives and analysis process proposed to be used in the development of reasonable alternatives that would be considered in the Draft EIS.

Please feel free to contact Leroy Alloway or Lisa Adelman at 210.495.5256 with any questions regarding this second public scoping meeting for the US 281 EIS.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Brechtel  
Executive Director

**This page left intentionally blank.**

Letters regarding notification for public scoping meeting #2 were sent from Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to the following:

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Carlos Uresti State Senator, District 19 2530 SW Military Drive, 103 San Antonio, TX 78224	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Judith Zaffirini State Senator, District 21 12702 Toepperwein Road, Suite 214 San Antonio, TX 78233	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Jeff Wentworth State Senator, District 25 1250 NE Loop 410, Suite 925 San Antonio, TX 78209	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Leticia Van de Putte State Senator, District 26 700 N. St. Mary's Street, Suite 1725 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable John Carona Chairman, Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Rick Perry Governor of the State of Texas Office of the Governor, PO Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711-2428	November 5, 2009
The Honorable David Dewhurst Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Joe Straus Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Trey Martinez Fischer State Representative, District 116 1910 Fredricksburg Road San Antonio, TX 78201	November 5, 2009
The Honorable David Liebowitz State Representative, District 117 9107 Marbach Rd., Suite 111 San Antonio, TX 78245	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ruth McClendon State Representative, District 120 403 SW W. White Road, Suite 210 San Antonio, TX 78219	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Frank Corte State Representative, District 122 2040 Babcock, Suite 402 San Antonio, TX 78229	November 5, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Michael Villarreal State Representative, District 123 1114 S. St. Mary's Street, Suite 110 San Antonio, TX 78210	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Jose Menendez State Representative, District 124 7121 US Highway 90 West, Suite 240 San Antonio, TX 78227	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Joe Farias State Representative, District 118 660 SW Military Drive, Suite L San Antonio, TX 78221	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Joaquin Castro State Representative, District 125 6502 Bandera, Suite 106 San Antonio, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Joe Pickett Chair, House Committee on Transportation PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Julian Castro Mayor City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
Ms. Leticia M. Vacek City Clerk City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
Ms. Sheryl L. Sculley City Manager City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
Mr. Majed A. Al-Ghafry Director of Public Works City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Mary Alice P. Cisneros City Councilwoman, District 1 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ivy Taylor City Councilwoman, District 2 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Jennifer V. Ramos City Councilwoman, District 3 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Phillip A. Cortez City Councilman, District 4 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable David Medina City Councilman, District 5 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ray Lopez City Councilman, District 6 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Justin Rodriguez City Councilman, District 7 Office of the City Council , PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Reed Williams City Councilman, District 8 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Elisa Chan City Councilwoman, District 9 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable John G. Clamp City Councilman, District 10 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 1 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Paul Elizondo Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Kevin Wolff Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 3 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Tommy Adkisson Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 4 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Charles Gonzalez 20th Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives B-124 Federal Bldg., 727 E. Durango San Antonio, TX 78206	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Lamar Smith 21st Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives 1100 NE Loop 410, Suite 640 San Antonio, TX 78209	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ciro Rodriguez 23rd Congressional District of Texas 1950 SW Military Drive San Antonio, TX 78221	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Henry Cuellar 28th Congressional District of Texas 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 451 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable John Cornyn Senator US Senate 600 Navarro, Suite 210 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison Senator US Senate 145 Duncan Drive, Suite 120 San Antonio, TX 78226	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Nelson Wolff Bexar County Judge Bexar County Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Deirdre Delisi Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ted Houghton Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009



Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Ned Holmes Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009
The Honorable William Meadows Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Fred Underwood Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009
Dr. Richard Middleton Superintendent North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Beth Plummer Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Susan Galindo Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Sandy Hughey Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Letti Bresnahan Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Randy Bristow Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Brigitte Perkins Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Ed White Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Carol Patterson Board Member, District 1 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Byron Miller Board Member, District 2 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable George Rice Board Member, District 3 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Benjamin Youngblood Board Member, District 4 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ron Ellis Board Member, District 5 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Susan Hughes Board Member, District 6 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Enrique Valdivia Board Member, District 7 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable John Lovett Board Member, District 8 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Martin Allen Board Member, District 9 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Keith T. Parker President and CEO VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 West Myrtle San Antonio, TX 78212	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Henry Muñoz, III Chairman VIA Board of Trustees Office of the President & CEO 800 W. Myrtle, PO Box 12489 San Antonio, TX 78212	November 5, 2009
Mr. Richard Perez President The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 602 E. Commerce San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
Mr. Victor Boyer Executive Director San Antonio Mobility Coalition 13526 George Road, Suite 107 San Antonio, TX 78230	November 5, 2009
Mr. Ramiro Cavazos President San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 318 W. Houston St., Suite 300 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Kirk Francis Mayor City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Carl A. Register Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Gabriel Durand-Hollis Council Member, Place 2 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Elizabeth Worley Council Member, Place 3 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable George R. “Rick” Evans Council Member, Place 4 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Margaret Mayberry Council Member, Place 5 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
Mr. Frank Morales City Administrator City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
Mr. Jeff Simmons Director of Public Works City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Richard McIlveen Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
Ms. Janice Alamia City Secretary Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Gary Miller Council Member, Place 1 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ellen Alkire Council Member, Place 2 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Tim McCallum Council Member, Place 3 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Steve Treu Council Member, Place 4 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Bob Sartor Council Member, Place 5 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Jimmy Arroyo Director of Public Works Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Chris Riley City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
Mr. Lanny Lambert City Manager City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Jim Parma Mayor City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Bill Weeper Councilman City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	November 5, 2009
Mr. Kenneth Roberts City Manager City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	November 5, 2009
Mr. Mario Medina, P.E. District Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	November 5, 2009
Ms. Julia Brown , P.E. District Deputy Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	November 5, 2009
Mr. Amadeo Saenz, P.E. Executive Director Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009
Mr. David Casteel, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for District Operations Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
<p>Mr. Phillip Russell, P.E.  Assistant Executive Director for Innovative Project Development  Texas Department of Transportation  125 East 11th Street  Austin, TX 78701</p>	November 5, 2009
<p>Mr. Seth Mitchell  Chief of Staff  Bexar County  Bexar County Courthouse  100 Dolorosa  San Antonio, TX 78205</p>	November 5, 2009
<p>Mr. Joe Aceves, P.E.  Executive Director of Infrastructure Services  Bexar County  233 North Pecos, Suite 420  San Antonio, TX 78207</p>	November 5, 2009
<p>Mr. Isidro Martinez  Director  San Antonio Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization  825 South St. Mary's Street  San Antonio, TX 78205</p>	November 5, 2009
<p>Mr. Duane Wilson  President &amp; CEO  North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce  12930 Country Parkway  San Antonio, TX 78216</p>	November 5, 2009
<p>Mr. Lou Miller  President  African American Chamber of Commerce of San Antonio  1717 N. Loop 1604 East, Suite 200  San Antonio, TX 78232</p>	November 5, 2009
<p>Ms. Gwendolyn Robinson  Executive Director  Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce  600 Hemisfair Plaza Way, Bldg. 406-10  San Antonio, TX 78205</p>	November 5, 2009
<p>Ms. Jennifer Scroggins  Chair  San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce  600 Hemisfair Plaza Way, Bldg. 217  San Antonio, TX 78205</p>	November 5, 2009
<p>Mr. Kevin Bain  President  Christian Business Chamber of Commerce  PO Box 701073  San Antonio, TX 78270</p>	November 5, 2009
<p>The Honorable Roland Gutierrez  State Representative , District 119  3319 Sidney Brooks  San Antonio, TX 78235</p>	November 5, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Danny Scheel Comal County Judge 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
Mr. Tom Hornseth County Engineer Comal County 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Donna Eccleston Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 1 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Jay Millikin Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 2 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Gregory Parker Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 3 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Jan Kennady Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 4 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Doug Miller State Representative, District 73 387 W. Mill Street New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ray Jeffrey Mayor City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Pamela Cole Mayor Pro Tem City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
Mr. John Hobson City Administrator City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
Ms. Tiffany Littlepage City Secretary City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
Mr. John Nowak Director of Public Works City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Kirk W. Harrison Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Robert W. Hurst Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Shane Reynolds Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Dannette Mitchell Councilwoman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009

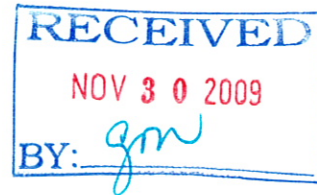




UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6  
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200  
DALLAS, TX 75202-2733

November 25, 2009



Leroy Alloway  
Director  
Community Development  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
1222 N. Main Avenue, Ste 1000  
San Antonio, TX 78212

SUBJECT: Scoping Comments for US 281 (Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Rd) Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Alloway:

In accordance with your letter dated November 4, 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing the following comments for scoping the Proposed US 281 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). EPA has identified potential areas of concern that should be addressed in the EIS, including the development of alternatives and mitigation. We have identified that the proposed project:

1. may be less than 1 mile from an area of designated critical habitat for a rare species
2. may have wetlands nearby or present
3. may overlay a sole source aquifer
4. may be within an ozone non-attainment area
5. may have water dischargers, air emission points, and hazardous waste generators nearby
6. may be within the 100 or 500 year floodplain
7. may be within 100 meters of a school
8. may have environmental justices concerns

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments to aid you in the development of the EIS. If you have questions or wish to coordinate further, please contact Dr. Sharon L. Osowski, of my staff at [osowski.sharon@epa.gov](mailto:osowski.sharon@epa.gov) or by phone at 214-665-7506.

Sincerely,

Cathy Gilmore  
Chief, Office of Planning and  
Coordination

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Salvador Deocampo, P. E., District Engineer, Texas Division, FHWA

**This page left intentionally blank.**

Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., *Chairman*  
Buddy Garcia, *Commissioner*  
Carlos Rubinstein, *Commissioner*  
Mark R. Vickery, P.G., *Executive Director*



## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

December 2, 2009

Mr. Leroy Alloway  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
1222 N. Main Avenue, Suite 100  
San Antonio, TX 78212

Re: TCEQ Grant and Texas Review and Comment System (TRACS) #10078, City of San Antonio,  
Bexar County - Scoping Meeting for the US 281 EIS

Dear Mr. Alloway:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the above-referenced project and offers following comments:

A review of the project for General Conformity impact in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93 and Title 30, Texas Administrative Code § 101.30 indicates that the proposed action is located in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, which is currently unclassified or in attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all six criteria air pollutants. Therefore, General Conformity does not apply.

Although any demolition, construction, rehabilitation or repair project will produce dust and particulate emissions, these actions should pose no significant impact upon air quality standards. Any minimal dust and particulate emissions should be easily controlled by the construction contractors using standard dust mitigation techniques.

We look forward to reviewing environmental assessment documents as they become available.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Glenda Thorn at (512) 239-1980.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Nelson".

Katherine Nelson  
Assistant Division Director  
Water Quality Planning Division

**This page left intentionally blank.**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT SAM HOUSTON  
1206 STANLEY ROAD SUITE A  
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TX 78234-5001

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

30 DEC 2009

Office of the Commander

Mr. Salvador Deocampo  
District Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 826  
Austin, Texas 78701-3255

Dear Mr. Deocampo:

Thank you for the December 8, 2009 letter inviting us to be a participating agency for the Highway (US) 281 corridor improvements in San Antonio. We request to be a participating agency on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and provide the following initial comments.

The main issues we are concerned with will be endangered species and light. Camp Bullis, our 28,000 acre sub-installation, is almost 5 miles west of the 281 project area. Increasing development around Camp Bullis is displacing golden-cheeked warbler onto Camp Bullis. In terms of karst invertebrates, increasing development around Camp Bullis does not displace these species onto Camp Bullis, but instead displaces the regulatory pressure. If we are the only ones to conserve our karst species, the regulatory requirements on Camp Bullis will likely be increased when the species recovery team revisits goals established in the March 2008 Draft Bexar County Karst Invertebrate Recovery Plan. In terms of light, development around Camp Bullis will interfere with military night training on the Camp unless dark sky lighting is used. The City of San Antonio and surrounding counties have passed ordinances and orders requiring dark sky lighting within 5 miles of Camp Bullis. Although HWY 281 is on the outer limits of this 5 mile zone, a significant number of new street lights could negatively affect our night training mission. However, as long as dark sky compliant lighting is used (full cutoff lighting which directs the light downwards), the issue would be mitigated.

These issues are addressed in detail in a June 2009 Joint Land Use Study, see link below.  
<http://www.campbullisjlus.com/resources/jlusdocs.asp>

My points of contact are Mr. Chris Beck at (210) 221-5069 or Mr. Jim Cannizzo at (210) 295-9830.

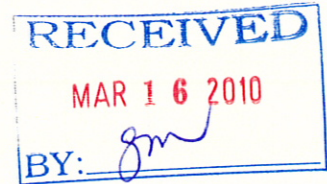
Sincerely,

Mary E. Garr  
Colonel, US Army  
Garrison Commander



**This page left intentionally blank.**





March 15, 2010

Terry Brechtel  
Executive Director, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
1222 N. Main Avenue, Ste 1000  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

RE: **US 281 EIS and Transit Considerations**

Dear Ms. Brechtel,

VIA has undertaken the Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan, SmartwaySA initiative, the VIA blueprint outlining specific corridor improvements, transit technologies, timelines, transit-supportive land-use policies, and funding options for regional transportation improvements through the year 2035. Our Phase 1 Needs Assessment concluded that additional analysis for high capacity transit is required for the US 281 alignment. We are nearing completion of our first model run, which will test the viability of fixed-guideway transit on two northern alignments to service the US 281 corridor.

Although our study is limited to the year 2035, we are additionally considering past and future growth trends on the US 281 north corridor, and strongly expect that the US 281 north corridor may inevitably be a corridor that will support fixed-guideway, high capacity transit. To preserve the ability to implement future mobility alternatives within the US 281 north corridor, we urge the ARMA Environmental Impact Statement to include, in addition to its findings for the projected 2035 transit options that may include a range of bus-based and HOV modes, the:

- inclusion of a park-and-ride facility to serve a range of bus-based service, and potential transit oriented development, and
- envelope for fixed-guideway transit options that could support the need for future rail service, beyond 2035.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important issue that will affect our future regional transit options. Please contact me with any additional questions you may have, at (210) 362-2050.

Sincerely,

Keith T. Parker, AICP  
President/CEO

Copy: Roland A. Lozano, Interim Deputy Director

**This page left intentionally blank.**





March 29, 2010

[Recipient Name]  
[Title]  
[Company Name]  
[Street Address]  
[City, ST ZIP Code]

Dear [Recipient Name]:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*DR. WILLIAM E. THORNTON*  
**CHAIRMAN**

ROBERT S. THOMPSON  
**VICE-CHAIR**

*REYNALDO L. DIAZ, JR.*  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

*ARTHUR J. DOWNEY, JR*

*JAMES R. REED*

*ROBERT G. RODRIGUEZ*

*CHRISTEL VILLARREAL*

TERRY M. BRECHTEL  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding possible transportation improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road. The Alamo RMA is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the human and natural environment from the construction and operation of proposed transportation improvements.

The public is encouraged to attend a public meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2010, between 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm, at Summit Christian Center, 2575 Marshall Road, San Antonio, Texas 78259. The meeting will consist of an open house from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, a presentation at 7:00 pm and small group work sessions beginning at 7:30 pm. Project team members from the Alamo RMA and its consultants will be available to discuss and answer questions regarding US 281 proposed transportation improvements and the EIS process.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather public input on the alternatives development and screening process for the proposed transportation improvements and the recommended reasonable alternatives that would be considered in the Draft EIS.

Please feel free to contact Michelle Martinez or Lisa Adelman at 210.495.5256 with any questions regarding this public meeting for the US 281 EIS.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Brechtel  
Executive Director

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
1222 N. Main Avenue, Suite 1000 San Antonio, Texas 78212  
(210) 495-5256 (210) 495-5403 Fax  
[www.AlamorMA.org](http://www.AlamorMA.org)

**This page left intentionally blank.**

Letters regarding notification for public meeting #3 were sent from Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to the following:

Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Carlos Uresti State Senator, District 19 2530 SW Military Drive, 103 San Antonio, TX 78224	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Judith Zaffirini State Senator, District 21 12702 Toepperwein Road, Suite 214 San Antonio, TX 78233	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Jeff Wentworth State Senator, District 25 1250 NE Loop 410, Suite 925 San Antonio, TX 78209	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Leticia Van de Putte State Senator, District 26 700 N. St. Mary's Street, Suite 1725 San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable John Carona Chairman of Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Rick Perry Governor of the State of Texas Office of the Governor, PO Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711-2428	March 29, 2010
The Honorable David Dewhurst Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Joe Straus Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Trey Martinez Fischer State Representative, District 116 1910 Fredricksburg Road San Antonio, TX 78201	March 29, 2010
The Honorable David Liebowitz State Representative, District 117 9107 Marbach Rd., Suite 111 San Antonio, TX 78245	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ruth McClendon State Representative, District 120 403 SW W. White Road, Suite 210 San Antonio, TX 78219	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Frank Corte State Representative, District 122 2040 Babcock, Suite 402 San Antonio, TX 78229	March 29, 2010

Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Michael Villarreal State Representative, District 123 1114 S. St. Mary's Street, Suite 110 San Antonio, TX 78210	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Jose Menendez State Representative, District 124 7121 US Highway 90 West, Suite 240 San Antonio, TX 78227	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Joe Farias State Representative, District 118 660 SW Military Drive, Suite L San Antonio, TX 78221	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Joaquin Castro State Representative, District 125 6502 Bandera, Suite 106 San Antonio, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Joe Pickett Chair, House Committee on Transportation PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Julian Castro Mayor City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
Ms. Leticia M. Vacek City Clerk City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
Ms. Sheryl L. Sculley City Manager City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
Mr. Majed A. Al-Ghafry Director of Public Works City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Mary Alice P. Cisneros City Councilwoman, District 1 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ivy Taylor City Councilwoman, District 2 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010

Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Jennifer V. Ramos City Councilwoman, District 3 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Phillip A. Cortez City Councilman, District 4 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable David Medina City Councilman, District 5 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ray Lopez City Councilman, District 6 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Justin Rodriguez City Councilman, District 7 Office of the City Council , PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Reed Williams City Councilman, District 8 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Elisa Chan City Councilwoman, District 9 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable John G. Clamp City Councilman, District 10 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 1 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Paul Elizondo Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Kevin Wolff Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 3 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010

Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Tommy Adkisson Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 4 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Charles Gonzalez 20th Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives B-124 Federal Bldg., 727 E. Durango San Antonio, TX 78206	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Lamar Smith 21st Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives 1100 NE Loop 410, Suite 640 San Antonio, TX 78209	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ciro Rodriguez 23rd Congressional District of Texas 1950 SW Military Drive San Antonio, TX 78221	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Henry Cuellar 28th Congressional District of Texas 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 451 San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable John Cornyn Senator US Senate 600 Navarro, Suite 210 San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison Senator US Senate 145 Duncan Drive, Suite 120 San Antonio, TX 78226	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Nelson Wolff Bexar County Judge Bexar County Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Deirdre Delisi Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ted Houghton Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010

Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Ned Holmes Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010
The Honorable William Meadows Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Fred Underwood Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010
Dr. Richard Middleton Superintendent North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Beth Plummer Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Susan Galindo Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Sandy Hughey Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Letti Bresnahan Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Randy Bristow Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Brigitte Perkins Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010

Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Ed White Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Carol Patterson Board Member, District 1 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Byron Miller Board Member, District 2 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable George Rice Board Member, District 3 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Benjamin Youngblood Board Member, District 4 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ron Ellis Board Member, District 5 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Susan Hughes Board Member, District 6 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Enrique Valdivia Board Member, District 7 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable John Lovett Board Member, District 8 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Martin Allen Board Member, District 9 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010



Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Keith T. Parker President and CEO VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 West Myrtle San Antonio, TX 78212	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Henry Muñoz, III Chairman VIA Board of Trustees Office of the President & CEO 800 W. Myrtle, PO Box 12489 San Antonio, TX 78212	March 29, 2010
Mr. Richard Perez President The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 602 E. Commerce San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
Mr. Victor Boyer Executive Director San Antonio Mobility Coalition 13526 George Road Suite 107 San Antonio, TX 78230	March 29, 2010
Mr. Ramiro Cavazos President San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 318 W. Houston St. Suite 300 San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Kirk Francis Mayor City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Carl A. Register Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Gabriel Durand-Hollis Council Member, Place 2 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Elizabeth Worley Council Member, Place 3 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable George R. “Rick” Evans Council Member, Place 4 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010

Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Margaret Mayberry Council Member, Place 5 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
Mr. Frank Morales City Administrator City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
Mr. Jeff Simmons Director of Public Works City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Richard McIlveen Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
Ms. Janice Alamia City Secretary Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Gary Miller Council Member, Place 1 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ellen Alkire Council Member, Place 2 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Tim McCallum Council Member, Place 3 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Steve Treu Council Member, Place 4 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Bob Sartor Council Member, Place 5 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010

Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Jimmy Arroyo Director of Public Works Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Chris Riley City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
Mr. Lanny Lambert City Manager City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Jim Parma Mayor City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Bill Weeper Councilman City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	March 29, 2010
Mr. Kenneth Roberts City Manager City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	March 29, 2010
Mr. Mario Medina, P.E. District Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	March 29, 2010
Ms. Julia Brown , P.E. District Deputy Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	March 29, 2010
Mr. Amadeo Saenz, P.E. Executive Director Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010
Mr. David Casteel, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for District Operations Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010

Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Phillip Russell, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for Innovative Project Development Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010
Mr. Seth Mitchell Chief of Staff, Bexar County Bexar County Courthouse 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
Mr. Joe Aceves, P.E. Executive Director of Infrastructure Services Bexar County 233 North Pecos, Suite 420 San Antonio, TX 78207	March 29, 2010
Mr. Isidro Martinez Director San Antonio Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 South St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
Mr. Duane Wilson President & CEO North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 12930 Country Parkway San Antonio, TX 78216	March 29, 2010
Mr. Lou Miller President African American Chamber of Commerce of San Antonio 1717 N. Loop 1604 East, Suite 200 San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
Ms. Gwendolyn Robinson Executive Director Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce 600 Hemisfair Plaza Way, Bldg. 406-10 San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
Ms. Jennifer Scroggins Chair San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce 600 Hemisfair Plaza Way, Bldg. 217 San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
Mr. Kevin Bain President Christian Business Chamber of Commerce PO Box 701073 San Antonio, TX 78270	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Roland Gutierrez State Representative , District 119 3319 Sidney Brooks San Antonio, TX 78235	March 29, 2010

Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Danny Scheel Comal County Judge 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
Mr. Tom Hornseth County Engineer Comal County 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Donna Eccleston Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 1 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Jay Millikin Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 2 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Gregory Parker Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 3 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Jan Kennady Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 4 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Doug Miller State Representative, District 73 387 W. Mill Street New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ray Jeffrey Mayor, City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Pamela Cole Mayor Pro Tem City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
Mr. John Hobson City Administrator City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
Ms. Tiffany Littlepage City Secretary City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010

Public Meeting #3 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
Mr. John Nowak Director of Public Works City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Kirk W. Harrison Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Robert W. Hurst Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Shane Reynolds Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Dannette Mitchell Councilwoman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010



**Letter of Agreement**  
**Between**  
**VIA Metropolitan Transit**  
**and**  
**Alamo Regional Mobility Authority**

This letter serves as an instrument to implement VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA) and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority's (ARMA) goals for the US 281 corridor.

A "working group" of technical staff and consultants, from each agency will convene as needed, but not less than once a quarter, with the goal to:

1. Establish a permanent park and ride facility with long-term program requirements on the west (in-bound) side of US 281 north of 1604 as part of any added capacity project, with a preferred site at the TxDOT US 281 ROW at Stone Oak/TPC Parkway which also provides good east-west connectivity;
2. Establish a temporary park and ride facility on the west (in-bound) side of US 281 north of 1604 to alleviate the burden on Wal-Mart (VIA's temporary location at US 281 and 1604);
3. Ensure adequate right-of-way is preserved for future high-capacity transit options and maintained on US 281 as part of any added capacity project; and
4. Investigate every opportunity to incorporate multimodalism (transit, hike, bike, single occupancy vehicles and high occupancy vehicle lanes), and towards transit-oriented development in all added capacity projects on US 281.

It is to the benefit of community mobility in the San Antonio-Bexar County region that we sign this agreement:

**VIA Metropolitan Transit**

BY: Keith T. Parker  
Keith T. Parker, AICP  
President and CEO

DATE: 6-29-10

**Alamo Regional Mobility Authority**

BY: Terry M. Brechtel  
Terry M. Brechtel  
Executive Director

DATE: 7-7-10

**This page left intentionally blank.**



## Zankowski, Jennifer

---

**From:** Allemand, Thomas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2010 2:43 PM  
**To:** Laurie.Kiniry@tx.usda.gov  
**Cc:** Cooper, Andrew; Robertson, Jim; Casbeer, Jeff  
**Subject:** Prime Farmland and Statewide Important Soils

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Good afternoon, Laurie -

Per our telephone conversation yesterday, July 12, 2010, I am formally sending you a request for a Prime Farmland Evaluation and current list of Statewide Important Soils/Statewide Important Farmland Soils. This request is in regards to an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed US 281 roadway improvement project, which begins on Loop 1604 (southern extent) and ends near Borgfeld Dr. (northern extent) in Bexar County, San Antonio, TX. The proposed project is located in north-central San Antonio.

I am sending you a project location map with all of the Alternative alignments overlaid onto an aerial in a *separate email*. I understand via our conversation yesterday that the request should not take longer than 30 days; however, if it is possible we would greatly appreciate that this request be expedited.

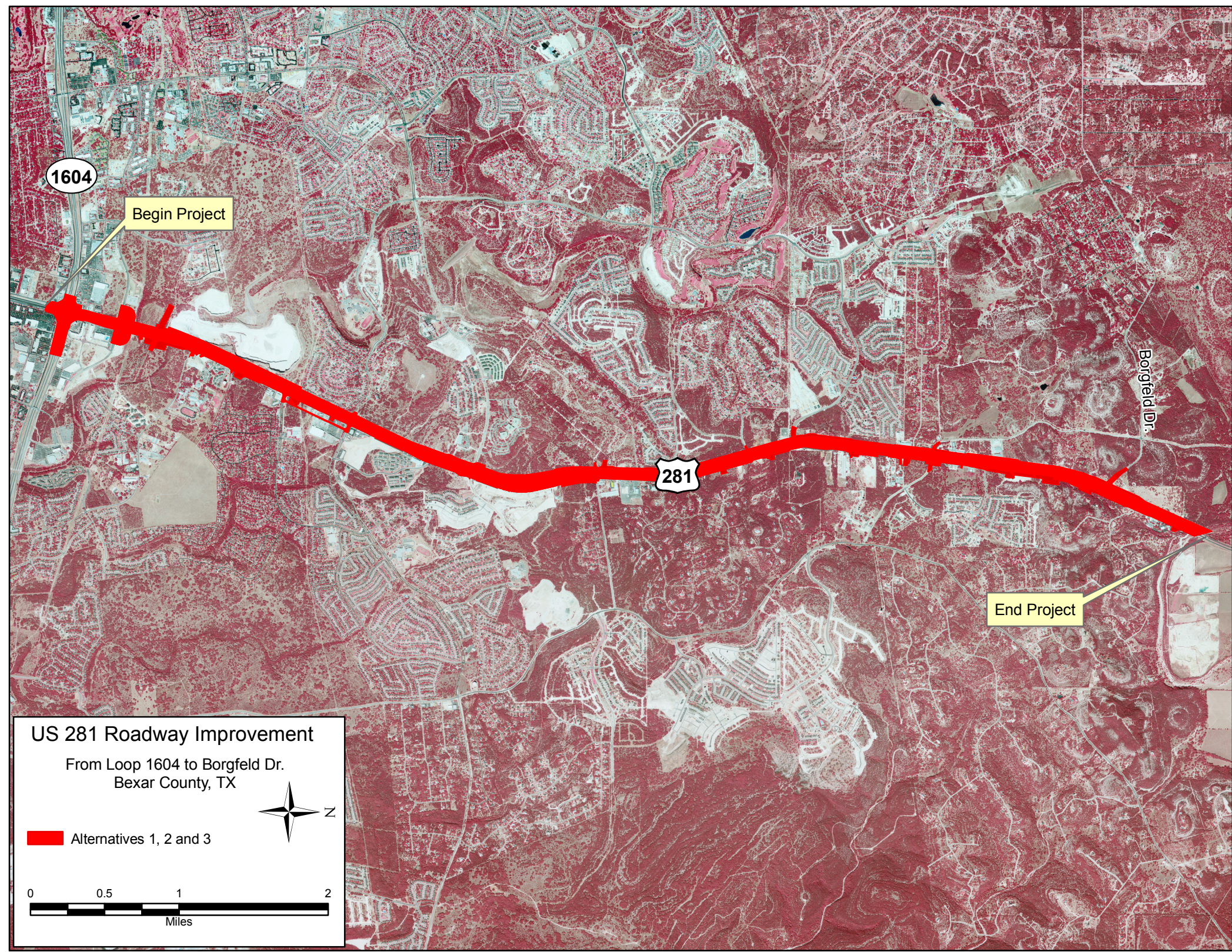
Sincerely,

**Thomas Allemand**  
Environmental Planner

### **JACOBS**

5985 Rogerdale Road  
Houston, TX 77072  
(281) 575-2445  
(832) 351-7766 fax





1604

Begin Project

281

Borgfeld Dr.

End Project

## US 281 Roadway Improvement

From Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Dr.  
Bexar County, TX



Alternatives 1, 2 and 3

0 0.5 1 2  
Miles





Natural Resources Conservation Service

JUL 22 2010

101 S. Main Street  
Temple, TX 76501-6624  
Phone: 254-742-9826  
FAX: 254-742-9859

July 20, 2010

JACOBS  
5985 Rogerdale Road  
Houston, Texas 77072

Attention: Thomas Allemand, Environmental Planner

Subject: LNU-Farmland Protection  
Proposed US 281 Roadway Improvement Project  
Bexar County, Texas

We have reviewed the information provided concerning the Proposed US 281 Roadway Improvement Project in Bexar County, Texas as outlined in your email of July 15, 2010. This review is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation for the Texas Department of Transportation. We have evaluated the proposed site as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The soils at the proposed site may contain Important Farmland Soils; however, the work area has already been converted to urban uses. The FPPA excludes from the definition of "Farmland" areas that are already converted to urban uses. We have completed a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (form NRCS-CPA-106) indicating the exemption.

We urge the use of accepted erosion control methods during construction of the project.

Thank you for the resource materials you provided. If you have any questions please call me at (254) 742-9826, Fax (254) 742-9859.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Micki Yoder".

Micki Yoder /NRCS  
State Resources Inventory Coordinator  
Temple, Texas

Enclosure

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING  
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS****PART I** (To be completed by Federal Agency)3. Date Of Land Evaluation Request: **July 15, 2010** 4.Sheet 1 of **1**1. Name of Project: **US 281 Roadway Improvement**5. Federal Agency Involved:  
**FHWA**

2. Proposed Land Use:

6. County and State: **Bexar County, Texas****PART II** (To be completed by NRCS)1. Date Request Received By  
NRCS  
**July 15, 2010**2. Person Completing Form:  
**M. Yoder**3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland?  
(If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)YES ☐ NO ☒

4. Acres Irrigated

Average Farm Size

5. Major Crop(s)

6. Farmable Land In Government Jurisdiction

Acres: %

7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA

Acres: %

8. Name of Land Evaluation System Used

LESA

9. Name of State or Local Site Assessment System

NA

10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS

**PART III** (To be completed by Federal Agency)

Alternative Corridor For Segment:

Corridor A

Corridor B

Corridor C

Corridor d

A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly

0

0

0

0

B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly

0

0

0

0

C. Total Acres In Site

0

0

0

0

**PART IV** (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information

A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland

B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland

C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted

D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value

**PART V** (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion

Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)

**PART VI** (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria

(Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b &amp; c. For Non-Corridor project use form AD-1006)

Maximum  
Points

Corridor A

Corridor B

Corridor C

Corridor D

1. Area In Non-urban Use

(15)

2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use

(10)

3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed

(20)

4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government

(20)

5. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average

(10)

6. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland

(25)

7. Availability Of Farm Support Services

(5)

8. On-Farm Investments

(20)

9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services

(25)

10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use

(10)

TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS

160

0

0

0

0

**PART VII** (To be completed by Federal Agency)

Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)

100

Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)

160

**TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)**

260

1. Corridor Selected:

2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be  
Converted by Project:

3. Date Of Selection

4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used?

YES ☐NO ☐

5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Federal agency representative completing this form:

Date:

NOTE: Complete one form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

(See Instructions on reverse side)



ALAMO RMA

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

"Moving people faster"

October 18, 2010

Ms. Allison Arnold  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office  
10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200  
Austin, Texas 78758-4455

**Re: Regulatory Guidance for Endangered Bird Presence/Absence Surveys conducted for Environmental Impact Statements at US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road and Loop 1604 from IH 35 to US 90 in Bexar County, Texas**

Dear Ms. Arnold:

This letter summarizes discussions in our September 15, 2010 meeting at your San Antonio office where ecological consultant teams from both the US 281 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Loop 1604 EIS provided interim presence/absence survey results and requested regulatory guidance. The purpose of this correspondence is two-fold:

1. to briefly summarize the results of 2009 and 2010 presence/absence surveys for the Golden-cheeked Warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) (GCWA) and Black-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) (BCVI) within and adjacent to proposed improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road and Loop 1604 from IH 35 to US 90 in Bexar County, Texas; and,
2. to request concurrence from the USFWS that given two years of negative survey results and the general lack of habitat suitable for occupation by either species within and adjacent to the existing and proposed rights-of-way (ROW), there is sufficient data to determine that it is unlikely the project areas are utilized by these endangered birds.

As recommended at the September 15, 2010 meeting, we are requesting your written concurrence with these findings. Further detail is provided below regarding the two projects' status and findings.

#### US 281 Status and Findings

A habitat assessment for the GCWA and BCVI was conducted by Blanton & Associates, Inc (B&A) in the spring of 2009 within the US 281 project area and

#### *BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

*DR. WILLIAM E. THORNTON*  
**CHAIRMAN**

*ROBERT S. THOMPSON*  
**VICE-CHAIR**

*REYNALDO L. DIAZ, JR.*  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

*ARTHUR J. DOWNEY, JR*

*JAMES R. REED*

*ROBERT G. RODRIGUEZ*

*CHRISTEL VILLARREAL*

*TERRY M. BRECHTEL*  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

an area 500 feet on either side of the existing right-of-way (the "study area"). Thirteen blocks of suitable GCWA habitat were identified adjacent to the existing and proposed right-of-way. No BCVI habitat was identified in the study area and, through coordination with your agency, no BCVI surveys were required to be conducted.

B&A conducted presence/absence surveys for the GCWA during the spring 2009 breeding season. No GCWAs were detected during the 2009 survey season. Hicks & Company (Hicks) has completed the second year of survey (2010) within the study area (where right-of-entry was granted). The habitat assessment and survey results were coordinated with you and our agency during a field visit led by B&A on April 10, 2009 during the 2009 survey, again in a meeting held at our offices on January 22, 2010 prior to the 2010 survey, and a third time on September 15, 2010 at a joint US 281 EIS and Loop 1604 EIS coordination meeting held at your office at the Government Canyon State Natural Area. The 2009 survey report was initially sent to your office on September 20, 2009. On September 1, 2010 the 2010 survey report and another copy of the 2009 survey report were sent to your office for your review prior to the meeting on September 15, 2010.

The two years of GCWA presence/absence surveys have resulted in negative findings for GCWA presence. Given the level of effort exerted to date with negative findings and the diminished state of habitat quantity and quality along the corridor, our biologists do not expect either the GCWA or BCVI to use the corridor. For these reasons, at the September 15, 2010 meeting it was agreed by attendees that an additional year of survey would provide no additional ecological data of any value, and therefore, no further GCWA presence/absence survey work would be required by the USFWS along the US 281 project corridor.

#### Loop 1604 Status and Findings

The original limits for the proposed Loop 1604 project were from IH 35 to Potranco Road. A habitat assessment for the GCWA and BCVI was conducted by B&A in the spring of 2009 within the Loop 1604 project area and an area 300 feet on either side of the existing and proposed right-of-way (the "study area"). Forty blocks of suitable GCWA habitat and six blocks of suitable BCVI habitat were identified adjacent to the existing ROW.

B&A conducted presence/absence surveys for the GCWA and BCVI in the study area during the spring 2009 breeding season. One GCWA female and one BCVI male were observed and/or heard during the 2009 survey season, but these observations were determined to be transient birds passing through the project area that did not establish breeding territories. The results of the 2009 presence/absence surveys were provided to your office September 20, 2009.

Subsequent to the 2009 surveys, the project area was extended from Potranco Road westward to US 90 and expanded to include additional buffer areas surrounding major intersections of Loop 1604 at IH 35, US 281, IH 10, SH 151, and US 90. A habitat assessment for the GCWA and BCVI was conducted within the new limits and an area 300 feet on either side of the existing and proposed right-of-way (the "extended area") by B&A in early 2010. Several additional blocks of GCWA and BCVI habitat were identified in this area. B&A conducted presence/absence surveys for GCWA and BCVI in both the study area and extended area during the spring 2010 breeding season. No GCWAs or BCVIs were detected in either the study area or the extended area during the 2010 presence/absence surveys. The results of the 2010 presence/absence surveys were provided to your office in September of 2010. In addition to the submittal of reports providing the results of 2009 and 2010 habitat assessments and presence/absence surveys, efforts have been coordinated with the USFWS during a field visit led by B&A on April 10, 2009 during the presence/absence survey and on September 15, 2010 at a joint US 281 EIS and Loop 1604 EIS coordination meeting held at Government Canyon State Natural Area.

As stated above, the two years of presence/absence surveys in the original study area and one year in the extended area have resulted in negative findings for active breeding by the GCWA and BCVI. It is our opinion an additional year of presence/absence surveys should be conducted in suitable habitat blocks within the extended area so all suitable GCWA and BCVI habitat blocks would be covered by two years of surveys. As discussed in the September 15 meeting, given the level of effort exerted to date with negative findings and the diminished state of habitat quantity and quality along the corridor, we feel it is unlikely that the GCWA or BCVI breed in the study area or the extended area; therefore, it is the belief of our consultants that a third year of presence/absence surveys in either the study area or extended area would not provide additional ecological data of any value. At the September 15, 2010 meeting it was agreed by attendees that an additional year of survey in the study area would provide no additional ecological data of any value, and therefore, no further GCWA presence/absence survey work would be required by the USFWS within the Loop 1604 study area. It was also agreed that a second year of surveys should be conducted in the extended area so that all habitat blocks would be covered by two full years of presence/absence surveys.

#### Summary

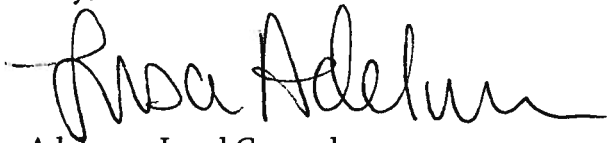
Based on negative findings in two years of presence/absence surveys for the GCWA and/or BCVI within the US 281 and most of the Loop 1604 study areas, and the marginal quality of the habitat in both study areas, it is our consultant team's opinion that no additional presence/absence surveys are necessary to determine the likelihood of their occurrence in either study area. It is also our opinion that an additional year of presence/absence surveys

Ms. Allison Arnold  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office  
October 18, 2010  
Page 4

in suitable GCWA and BCVI habitat in the extended area of Loop 1604 should be conducted during the 2011 breeding season.

We respectfully request your concurrence or further guidance and/or recommendations on these positions to assure compliance with the Endangered Species Act. Please provide a written response addressed to the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority and copied to the Federal Highways Administration's Austin Office and TxDOT's Environmental Affairs Division in Austin. Thank you for your continued assistance with this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Adelman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa Adelman, Legal Counsel  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Cc: Justin Ham, P.E., Federal Highway Administration  
Vicki Crnich, Texas Department of Transportation





November 4, 2010

Steven Brooks  
Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 17300  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

US 281: Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Drive Environmental Impact Statement, CSJ 0253-04-138

**Re: Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU – Coordination on Methodologies to be Used and Level of Detail required in the Analysis of Alternatives**

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is preparing the above referenced Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for US 281. We are transmitting the October 2010 update of the draft Coordination Plan. The Coordination Plan was previously sent to your agency in August 2009.

In accordance with Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU, we are also providing an opportunity for involvement by cooperating and participating agencies in defining the methods and level of detail in the analysis of alternatives for the EIS. The attached table describes the proposed resource specific methodologies to be used and the level of detail required in the analysis of the alternatives in the US 281 EIS. Please take this opportunity to review and comment on the information presented in the attached table. Your comments are requested by February 8, 2011.

In accordance with 40 CFR 1503.3(b), if your agency disagrees with the proposed methodology to be used in the analysis of an alternative, please provide an alternate methodology and the reason why the alternate methodology is your agency's preference.

After the February 8, 2011 comment deadline, the Alamo RMA, FHWA and TxDOT will consider all comments received and make a decision on the methodology and level of detail to be used in the analysis of alternatives in the EIS. The joint lead agencies may revise a methodology at any time. If substantial changes occur, collaboration with the agencies with jurisdiction by law in that methodology will occur before the methodology is revised.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*DR. WILLIAM E. THORNTON*  
**CHAIRMAN**

*ROBERT S. THOMPSON*  
**VICE-CHAIR**

*REYNALDO L. DIAZ, JR.*  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

*ARTHUR J. DOWNEY, JR*

*JAMES R. REED*

*ROBERT G. RODRIGUEZ*

*CHRISTEL VILLARREAL*

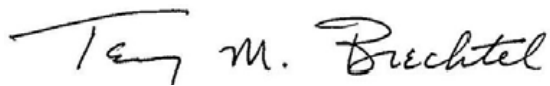
*TERRY M. BRECHTEL*  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the proposed project or methodologies in more detail, please contact:

Ms. Lisa Adelman  
Legal Counsel to the Alamo RMA  
1222 N. Main Avenue, Suite 1000  
San Antonio, Texas 78212  
(210) 495-5499  
LAdelman@AlamoRMA.org

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry M. Brechtel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terry M. Brechtel  
Executive Director

Enclosures: Draft Coordination Plan (October 2010) and the Draft US 281 EIS Methodologies and Level of Detail in the Analysis of Alternatives Table

cc: Vicki Crnich, TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division  
Justin Ham, P.E., Texas Division, FHWA

Letters were sent to all cooperating and participating agencies requesting review and comment on the methodologies and level of detail proposed for the evaluation of alternatives in the Draft EIS.

Coordination on Methodologies to be Used and Level of Detail Required in the Analysis of Alternatives	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Steven Brooks Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 17300 Fort Worth, TX 76102	November 4, 2009
Mr. Donald W. Gohmert State Conservationist U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service 101 South Main Temple, TX 76501	November 4, 2009
Mr. Larry Starfield Regional Administrator, Region 6 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, TX 75202-2733	November 4, 2009
Mr. Adam Zerrenner Supervisor, Austin Ecological Services Office cc. Ms. Luela Roberts U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200 Austin, TX 78758	November 4, 2009
Mr. Andele Worthington BIA-Anadarko P.O. Box 309 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2009
Mr. John Tointigh Tribal Administrator Apache Tribe of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1220 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2009
Mr. Gary McAdams President Wichita and Affiliated Tribes P.O. Box 729 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2009
Chief Tarpie Yargee Chief Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town P.O. Box 187 Wetumka, OK 74883	November 4, 2009
Ms. LaRue Parker Chairperson Caddo Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 487 Binger, OK 73009	November 4, 2009
Ms. Ruth Toahy NAGPRA Coordinator Comanche Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 908 Lawton, OK 73502	November 4, 2009

Letters were sent to all cooperating and participating agencies requesting review and comment on the methodologies and level of detail proposed for the evaluation of alternatives in the Draft EIS.

Coordination on Methodologies to be Used and Level of Detail Required in the Analysis of Alternatives	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Billy Evans Horse Chairperson Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma P.O. Box 369 Carnegie, OK 73015	November 4, 2009
Mr. Mark Chino President Mescalero Apache Tribe P.O. Box 227 Mescalero, NM 88340	November 4, 2009
Chief Enoch Kelley Haney Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1498 Wewoka, OK 74884	November 4, 2009
Mr. Edgar French President The Delaware Nation P.O. Box 825 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2009
Mr. Anthony Street President Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma 1 Rush Buffalo Road Tonkawa, OK 74653	November 4, 2009
Mr. Dean Arnold Environmental Attorney Advisor U.S. Air Force, Camp Bullis 502 MSG/JA 2272 Rattlesnake Road Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234	November 4, 2009
Mr. Carter Smith Executive Director cc. Ms. Karen Clary Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744	November 4, 2009
Mr. Mark R. Vickery Executive Director cc. Ms. Lynn Bumguardner Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087	November 4, 2009
The Honorable Nelson W. Wolff County Judge cc. Mr. Joe Aceves and Mr. Andrew Winter Bexar County Bexar County Courthouse 100 Dolorosa, Suite 1.20 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 4, 2009

Letters were sent to all cooperating and participating agencies requesting review and comment on the methodologies and level of detail proposed for the evaluation of alternatives in the Draft EIS.

Coordination on Methodologies to be Used and Level of Detail Required in the Analysis of Alternatives	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Julián Castro Mayor cc. Mr. Mike Frisbie and Mr. Ruben Guerrero City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 4, 2009
The Honorable Danny Scheel County Judge Comal County 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 4, 2009
The Honorable Ray Jeffrey Mayor City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 4, 2009
Ms. Velma R. Danielson General Manager cc. Mr. John Hoyt and Mr. Robert Clarkson Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78215	November 4, 2009
Mr. Robert R. Puente President/CEO San Antonio Water System P.O. Box 2449 San Antonio, TX 78298-2449	November 4, 2009
Ms. Suzanne B. Scott General Manager San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204	November 4, 2009
Mr. Isidro Martinez Director San Antonio – Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 South Saint Mary's San Antonio, TX 78205	November 4, 2009
Mr. Keith Parker President/CEO cc. Mr. Brian Buchanan, Ms. Christina Castano, and Mr. Roland Lozano VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 W. Myrtle San Antonio, TX 78212	November 4, 2009
Ms. Gloria C. Arriaga Executive Director Alamo Area Council of Governments 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, TX 78217-6228	November 4, 2009

Letters were sent to all cooperating and participating agencies requesting review and comment on the methodologies and level of detail proposed for the evaluation of alternatives in the Draft EIS.

Coordination on Methodologies to be Used and Level of Detail Required in the Analysis of Alternatives	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Victor Mercado General Manager Bexar Metropolitan Water District P.O. Box 245994 San Antonio, TX 78224-5994	November 4, 2009
Mr. Tim Treviño Public Relations Director Alamo Area Rural Planning Organization 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, TX 78217	November 4, 2009
Mr. Mark Wolfe State Historic Preservation Officer cc. Ms. Adrienne Vaughan Campbell Texas Historical Commission P.O. Box 12276 Austin, TX 78711-2276	November 4, 2009
Mr. Rob Villarreal Director of Engineering cc. Mr. Victor Mercado Bexar Metropolitan Water District 2047 West Malone San Antonio, TX 78225	November 4, 2009



March 3, 2011

San Antonio Environment Network  
Attention:

Dear :

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) is currently in the process of developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the US 281 corridor from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Drive. The EIS environmental review is the most robust and comprehensive environmental document and process under the National Environmental Policy Act. It requires a high level of public involvement, coordination with multiple agencies and organizations, and a detailed analysis of impacts for the no-build and build alternatives.

As users of the US 281 corridor, we want to ensure your input is included in the Draft EIS. Aside from the three formal public meetings that have been held to date on the EIS, we are also seeking additional ways to include community input into this planning process.

At this time, the Alamo RMA is offering stakeholder groups such as yours an opportunity to review the alternatives currently being considered in the Draft EIS, get questions answered, and provide us with your input and feedback. Please contact us directly if you would like to make arrangements for us to present this information to your organization. We can be reached at (210) 495-5256 or via e-mail at US281EIS@AlamoRMA.org and additional information can be found on the US 281 EIS website at <http://www.411on281.com/us281eis>.

We recognize the importance of your organization's contribution to the EIS process and hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Leroy B. Alloway  
Director, Community Development

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
1222 N. Main Avenue, Suite 1000 San Antonio, Texas 78212  
(210) 495-5256 (210) 495-5403 Fax  
[www.AlamorMA.org](http://www.AlamorMA.org)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*DR. WILLIAM E. THORNTON*  
**CHAIRMAN**

ROBERT S. THOMPSON  
**VICE-CHAIR**

*REYNALDO L. DIAZ, JR.*  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

*TOMMY CALVERT, JR.*

*ARTHUR J. DOWNEY, JR*

*JAMES R. REED*

*ROBERT G. RODRIGUEZ*

TERRY M. BRECHTEL  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Letters from the Alamo RMA were sent to the following homeowners associations, communities, and other stakeholder groups. The purpose of the letter was to inform these stakeholder groups about the US 281 Corridor Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to offer an opportunity for the US 281 EIS Team to present project information at stakeholder group meetings.

HOAs/Communities/Stakeholder Groups	Date Letter Sent
San Antonio Environment Network	March 3, 2011
Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas	March 3, 2011
Texas United for Reform and Freedom	March 3, 2011
San Antonio Toll Party	March 3, 2011
Audubon Society	March 3, 2011
Stone Oak Business Owners Association	March 3, 2011
Northeast ISD Board	March 3, 2011
Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance	March 3, 2011
Belterra	March 3, 2011
Big Springs Homeowners Association	March 3, 2011
Canyon Springs	March 3, 2011
Cavalo Creek Estates	March 3, 2011
Champions Ridge	March 3, 2011
Champions Springs Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
Cibolo Canyons	March 3, 2011
Classen Crest	March 3, 2011
Emerald Forest Homeowners Association	March 3, 2011
Encino Bluff	March 3, 2011
Encino Creek	March 3, 2011
Encino Forest	March 3, 2011
Encino Park	March 3, 2011
Encino Ranch Homeowners Association	March 3, 2011
Encino Ridge	March 3, 2011
Encino Rio	March 3, 2011
Encino/Caliza	March 3, 2011
Enclave at Bulverde Ridge	March 3, 2011
Evans Ranch	March 3, 2011
Forest at Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
Fossil Creek	March 3, 2011
Fossil Ridge	March 3, 2011
Heights at Stone Oak II	March 3, 2011
Indian Springs	March 3, 2011
Indian Springs Estates	March 3, 2011
Lookout Canyon Homeowners Association	March 3, 2011
Los Lomas/Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
Mesa Del Norte	March 3, 2011
Mesa Del Sur	March 3, 2011
Mesa Vista Homeowners Association	March 3, 2011
Mesa Vista/Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
Mountain Lodge	March 3, 2011
Northwood Hills Improvement Club	March 3, 2011
Oakridge Heights	March 3, 2011
Pinon Creek	March 3, 2011
Promotory Pointe-Heights	March 3, 2011



HOAs/Communities/Stakeholder Groups	Date Letter Sent
Redland Ridge	March 3, 2011
Redland Wood	March 3, 2011
Roseheart	March 3, 2011
San Antonio Remington Heights	March 3, 2011
San Miguel	March 3, 2011
Sendero Ranch	March 3, 2011
Silverado Hills	March 3, 2011
Sonterra Villa Townhomes	March 3, 2011
Condominium/Sonterra/Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
Sonterra/Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
Springs at Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
Stone Mountain/Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
Stone Oak Communities at Mutual Amenities/Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
Stone Oak Meadows	March 3, 2011
Stone Oak Parke	March 3, 2011
Stone Oak Property Owners Association	March 3, 2011
Stone Valley	March 3, 2011
Summit/Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
Terra Bella	March 3, 2011
Terraces at Encino Park	March 3, 2011
The Champions Estate/Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
The Estates at Stonegate	March 3, 2011
The Heights at Stone Oak	March 3, 2011
The Links at Canyon Springs	March 3, 2011
The Oaklands	March 3, 2011
The Overlook	March 3, 2011
The Park at Hardy Oaks	March 3, 2011
The Preserve at Indian Springs	March 3, 2011
The Seventh at Sonterra/The Vineyard	March 3, 2011
Timberwood Park	March 3, 2011
Trinty Oaks	March 3, 2011
Tuscan Oaks	March 3, 2011
Village at Encino Park	March 3, 2011
Villages at Bulverde	March 3, 2011
Wilderness Point	March 3, 2011



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200

Austin, Texas 78758

512 490-0057

FAX 490-0974



**MAY 11 2011**

Lisa Adelman  
Legal Counsel  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
1222 N. Main Avenue, Suite 1000  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

Consultation Number 21450-2011-F-0180

Dear Ms. Adelman:

This letter responds to the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority's (Alamo RMA) October 18, 2010, letter requesting concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) that two years of absence data from surveys for the golden-cheeked warblers (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) along the proposed Loop 1604 and US 281 project route are sufficient to conclude that neither species is likely to occur within either project area. Both species are species listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)(Act).

Section 7 of the Act requires that all Federal agencies consult with the Service to ensure that the actions authorized, funded, or carried out by such agencies do not jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species or adversely modify or destroy critical habitat of such species. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the Federal agency associated with this proposed action.

### US 281

Alamo RMA conducted habitat assessments for both bird species in 2009 within the US 281 study area. Alamo RMA determined that habitat for golden-cheeked warbler is present in the project area and that suitable black-capped vireo habitat does not occur within the project area, therefore, no surveys to detect black-capped vireos were conducted. Surveys for golden-cheeked warbler were conducted in the study area in 2009; in 2010 surveys were conducted in areas along the right-of-way where access was granted. The results of two years of survey data for golden-cheeked warbler collected in the US 281 project area indicate that the species is absent from the surveyed areas.

### 1604 Loop

Initially, the 1604 Loop project area extended from I-35 to Potranco Road. Accordingly, in 2009 Alamo RMA assessed habitat and surveyed for presence/absence of black-capped vireo and golden-cheeked warbler in the project area. In 2010, the project area was expanded to include



the area from I-35 to US 90. Again, Alamo RMA conducted habitat assessments and presence/absence surveys for both species in the initial and expanded project area. At the end of the breeding season in 2010, areas assessed as suitable habitat within the initial project had been surveyed twice and areas of habitat in the expanded project area had been surveyed once. The Service understands that Alamo RMA is conducting a second year of survey in the expanded area during the 2011 breeding season. At the time of this letter, the 2011 surveys are ongoing and the results will not be available until after the survey season. If, after two consecutive years of survey data for each area results in absence of the golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo in the project area, then the Service agrees with Alamo RMA that additional surveys at this time would render very little if any useful information to make an effects determination pursuant to section 7 of the Act. However, modifications to the proposed project or the addition of new information that suggests listed species or critical habitat may be affected by your proposed project should be submitted to our office for further consideration. Furthermore, the Service recommends that surveys be conducted if construction is delayed more than three years from the date of this letter in order to ensure that the areas are still unoccupied.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tanya Sommer at 512-490-0057, extension 222.

Sincerely,



Adam Zerrenner  
*acting* Field Supervisor

cc: Justin Ham, FHWA, Austin, Texas  
Vicky Crnich, TxDOT, ENV, Austin, Texas

Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., *Chairman*  
Buddy Garcia, *Commissioner*  
Carlos Rubinstein, *Commissioner*  
Mark R. Vickery, P.G., *Executive Director*



## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

November 14, 2011

Mr. Barrlynn West, P.G.

Texas Department of Transportation, San Antonio District

P.O. Box 29928

San Antonio, Texas 78229

Re: Edwards Aquifer, Bexar County

NAME OF PROJECT: Power Pole Hole Cave; Located US 281 just south of  
Sonterra Boulevard; San Antonio, Texas

TYPE OF PLAN: Request for Approval to Protect a Sensitive Feature;

30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 213

Edwards Aquifer Protection Program File No. 13-11103111

Dear Mr. West:

The TCEQ Austin Regional Office has reviewed the geological report and protective recommendation prepared by Zara Environmental and Jacobs Engineering concerning the sensitive feature encountered in your right of way (ROW). The feature was encountered during drilling of a utility power pole slot in December 2005. No active construction is occurring. The opening is approximately 4 foot in diameter and extends to a depth of 18 feet below the ground surface. The space opens into a crawl space of about 50 feet in length.

The reports were evaluated and gating is recommended to minimize potential interaction with contaminants and the public; therefore, we have no objection to your construction plans which preserve the feature and continue to allow air and water exchanges to exist.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kevin Lee Smith, P.E. of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program at the Austin Regional Office (512) 339-2929.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn D. Runyon".

Carolyn D. Runyon  
Water Program Manager  
Austin Region

CDR/cls

cc: TCEQ Central Records, Building F, MC 212

**This page left intentionally blank.**



# Town of Hollywood Park

INCORPORATED 1955

NO. 2 MECCA DRIVE AT SAN PEDRO • HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS 78232-2298  
TEL (210) 494-2023 • FAX (210) 494-7859

ALAMO RMA

APR 18 2011

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

April 4, 2011

Terry M. Brechtel  
Executive Director  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
1222 N. Main Ave., Ste. 1000  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

RE: U.S. 281 North Environmental Impact Statement Project

Dear Ms. Brechtel:

The Town of Hollywood Park requests to participate in this project as a Participating Agency and would also request the maximum amount of information that is available to us throughout the course of this project. The City would also request to provide a representative on the U.S. 281 North EIS Community Advisory Group.

The Town of Hollywood Park does not waive any rights as a local governmental entity/agency and requests that the project be coordinated with the City as provided for by all applicable laws.

As the Town of Hollywood Park is located at the intersection of Loop 1604 and U.S. 281 North, any improvements or developments along the U.S. 281 North Project Corridor may have direct or indirect affects on the health, safety, general welfare, economic well-being, unique character, and stability of our community.

We look forward to working with your organization and other project agencies in the successful completion of this project and identification of any potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts.

I may be reached by mail, phone, (210) 494-2023, ext. 225, or e-mail, [mayor@hollywoodpark-tx.gov](mailto:mayor@hollywoodpark-tx.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Sartor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Bob Sartor  
Mayor

**This page left intentionally blank.**



May 6, 2011

The Honorable Bob Sartor, Mayor  
Town of Hollywood Park  
No. 2 Mecca Drive  
Hollywood Park, TX 78232-2298

Dear Mayor Sartor,

***BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

*DR. WILLIAM E. THORNTON*  
**CHAIRMAN**

ROBERT S. THOMPSON  
***VICE-CHAIR***

*REYNALDO L. DIAZ, JR.*  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

*TOMMY CALVERT, JR.*

*ARTHUR J. DOWNEY, JR.*

*JAMES R. REED*

*ROBERT G. RODRIGUEZ*

TERRY M. BRECHTEL  
***EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR***

On behalf of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) it is my pleasure to invite your organization to be an active part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the US 281 corridor from Loop 1604 going north to Borgfeld Drive.

Your organization has been identified as a key organization with regard to the EIS as an interested stakeholder. As part of our efforts to keep the stakeholders and the community informed and involved in the development of the EIS, we have created a US 281 EIS Community Advisory Committee. This committee provides the Alamo RMA EIS team with input and feedback as the EIS is developed.

At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to invite you to select a representative from your organization to serve on the Community Advisory Committee. The EIS process is tentatively scheduled to be complete in 2013 and this committee has held five (5) out of a total twelve (12) meetings planned for this project. We would like to offer a community presentation to your group and/or a meeting with your chosen representatives to provide an overview of the EIS process and a project status update.

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for mid June 2011. The exact location, date, and time is to be determined and each meeting will be approximately two (2) hours. Please see the enclosed US 281 Environmental Impact Statement Community Advisory Committee Charter for additional information.



If you have any questions on this committee, please contact Leroy Alloway, Alamo RMA Director of Community Development at [lalloway@alamorma.org](mailto:lalloway@alamorma.org) or by phone at (210) 495-5256.

To formally designate a member of your organization to serve as your official representative, please fill out the enclosed nomination form and either email it to [US281EIS@AlamoRMA.org](mailto:US281EIS@AlamoRMA.org), fax it to 495-5403 attention: US 281 Community Advisory Committee, or mail it to: Alamo RMA, 1222 N. Main Avenue, Suite 1000, San Antonio, Texas 78212. The Alamo RMA asks that the designation be received no later than June 6, 2011 so your representative is able to attend our next committee meeting.

It is my sincere hope that you will accept this invitation to have your organization represented among the 33 entities on this committee. A listing of all current members is enclosed for your information as well.

Your organization's representation will make very valuable contributions to this committee and this EIS endeavor.

We look forward to working with you, and the rest of our community, over the coming weeks, months, and years as we strive to find a long-term solution to the congestion impacting US 281.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, cooperation and time in helping advance relief for US 281.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. E. Thornton', with a stylized, flowing script.

Dr. William E. Thornton  
Chairman

Enclosures:  
Representative Designation Form  
Membership Listing  
US 281 EIS Community Advisory Committee Charter



May 6, 2011

The Honorable Bob Sartor, Mayor  
Town of Hollywood Park  
No. 2 Mecca Drive at San Pedro  
Hollywood Park, TX 78232-2298

Dear Mayor Sartor:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*DR. WILLIAM E. THORNTON*  
**CHAIRMAN**

ROBERT S. THOMPSON  
**VICE-CHAIR**

*REYNALDO L. DIAZ, JR.*  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

*ARTHUR J. DOWNEY, JR*

*JAMES R. REED*

*ROBERT G. RODRIGUEZ*

*CHRISTEL VILLARREAL*

TERRY M. BRECHTEL  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), has initiated an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation project on US 281. The project limits are from Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Drive near the Bexar/Comal County line (CSJ 0253-04-138 and CSJ: 0253-04-920). The purpose of US 281 corridor improvements, as currently defined, is to improve mobility and accessibility, improve safety, and enhance community quality of life. Additional information regarding the proposed project can be found in the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI).

Your agency has been identified as an agency that may have an interest in the proposed project. With this letter, we extend your agency an invitation to become a Participating Agency with the Alamo RMA in the development of the EIS for the subject project. This designation does not imply that your agency either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to evaluation of the proposed project.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Participating Agencies are responsible to identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the project. We suggest that your agency's role in the development of the above project should include the following as they relate to your area of expertise:

- 1: Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
- 2: Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate.
- 3: Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

Please respond to the Alamo RMA in writing by June 6, 2011 if your agency wishes to become a Participating Agency.

We are also transmitting a copy of the draft SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Coordination Plan your review and comment. The draft Coordination Plan provides additional insight regarding the overall Section 6002 process as well as specific roles and responsibilities for Cooperating and Participating Agencies.

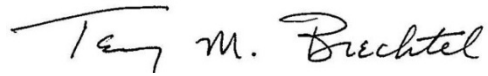
In addition, we are providing an opportunity for involvement by cooperating and participating agencies in defining the methods and level of detail in the analysis of alternatives for the EIS. The attached table describes the proposed resource specific methodologies to be used and the level of detail required in the analysis of the alternatives in the US 281 EIS. Please take this opportunity to review and comment on the information presented in the attached table. The joint lead agencies may revise a methodology at any time. If substantial changes occur, collaboration with the agencies with jurisdiction by law in that methodology will occur before the methodology is revised.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the proposed project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact:

Ms. Lisa Adelman, Legal Counsel to the Alamo RMA  
1222 N. Main Ave, 10th Floor  
San Antonio, Texas 78212  
(210) 495-5499

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry M. Brechtel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'B'.

Terry Brechtel  
Executive Director

Enclosures: Project NOI, Draft Coordination Plan, Study Area Map and the Draft US 281 EIS Methodologies and Level of Detail in the Analysis of Alternatives Table

cc: Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E., TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division  
Ms. Vicki Crnich, TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division  
Mr. Salvador Deocampo, Texas Division, FHWA  
Mr. Justin Ham, P.E., Texas Division, FHWA

**This page left intentionally blank.**



# Town of Hollywood Park

INCORPORATED 1955

NO. 2 MECCA DRIVE AT SAN PEDRO • HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS 78232-2298  
TEL (210) 494-2023 • FAX (210) 494-7859

July 31, 2013

Mayor David Ortega  
Town of Hollywood Park  
#2 Mecca Drive  
Hollywood Park, TX. 78232

Jim Robertson/JACOBS  
Environmental Practice Leader  
2705 Bee Cave Road, #300  
Austin, TX. 78746

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Thank you for meeting with the Town of Hollywood Park, along with representatives of the City of Hill Country Village and the North Central Alamo Area Sub-Regional Planning Commission (NCAASRPC) on July 24, 2013.

I was clear that the issues raised by our residents and business owners could have been mitigated with prior coordination by the local governmental entities. Nonetheless, the exchange of information and the ability of our residents and business owners to voice concerns and hear preliminary responses was helpful in moving toward addressing critical issues that will affect the future of Hollywood Park, Hill Country Village, and the region.

Attached are the e-mails and other materials we discussed during the meeting. This additional information will allow you the opportunity to provide detailed responses to be included in the record of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Mayor David Ortega

Cc: Mayor Gabriel Durand-Hollis

enclosures

**Subject:** FW: Next steps for coordination...  
**Attachments:** 281-Timeline 2013.pdf; ATT00287.htm

Terri Hall  
Founder/Director  
Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom  
PO Box 29254  
San Antonio, Texas 78229  
(210) 275-0640  
[www.TexasTURF.org](http://www.TexasTURF.org)

---

## Loop 1604

With the passage of SB 1730, Loop 1604 is now eligible to be done as a concession Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA). These agreements always include non-compete or 'adverse event' or 'compensation' clauses that penalize or prohibit the expansion of free roads within a 3 mile radius of the project area (which in a dense urban area has tremendous impacts on our ability to meet future public transportation/mobility needs), among other restrictions/penalties. It also puts the control of Loop 1604, toll rates, HOV policy, etc. in the hands of a private, not public, entity. Since the CDAs can go for up to 52 years, it shuts out the cities of San Antonio, Hollywood Park, Hill Country Village and all other public entities from having a say in the long-term needs of their communities. Private toll projects also charge punitively high toll rates starting at 75 cents a mile in urban areas, with no way for public officials to control those tax/toll rates.

## US 281

### Designing a BOTTLENECK into the toll alternative

Then, the MPO hybrid plan calls for the non-toll highway lanes to DEAD END at Stone Oak Pkwy., where all six northbound main lanes (two HOV toll lanes and four non-toll lanes) become toll lanes - including the four main lanes open to traffic without tolls today. So all non-toll traffic will be forced to exit to the frontage roads, which will create a permanent logjam on both the frontage roads and the non-toll highway lanes. This plan will CREATE congestion, not relieve it.

Also, the conversion of the four existing non-toll lanes north of Stone Oak Pkwy. violates both federal and state law prohibiting the conversion of freeway lanes into toll lanes. Access or frontage roads adjacent to the highway do not qualify as non-toll main lanes. Legislative intent on this point has been made clear in several sessions of the Texas legislature.

The current toll plan adds no new throughput lanes south of Stone Oak Pkwy, therefore it does NOT meet the purpose and need of the project, which is to improve mobility and relieve congestion in the corridor. The non-toll highway lanes adjacent to the HOV/Transit toll lanes will remain congested through 2035 without new added capacity. The all-toll lane option (no free highway lanes) will not meet the purpose and need of the project since it will displace traffic avoiding the toll onto frontage roads and neighborhood streets creating permanent congestion in the corridor.

### Inadequate study of economic impacts

Tolls will cost users up to 50 cents a mile or \$7/day, \$2,000/year in new taxes on driving PER DRIVER, not per household, if it's only utilized for one roundtrip weekdays only. Many household have multiple drivers that would use the corridor on a daily basis so the total hit to a family's budget could exceed \$4,000/year in new taxes on driving. This is a significant economic impact that reduces personal income and will price many off the highway altogether. The DEIS only studied economic impacts to Environmental Justice

(EJ) populations. However, the elderly and children are also considered 'vulnerable' populations by TxDOT guidance documents. Yet no study on these populations were considered. What about a parent who cannot get to their child's school or to daycare to pick them up on time because they lack the funds to take the toll road and are stuck on hopelessly congested adjacent roads? Leaving work earlier or arriving later may not be an option and still be able to keep one's job, and if a parent can cut time off work to get to a child's school or daycare on time that still means less income to pay for necessities. How will children's healthcare and other needs be adversely affected by the huge sum of money paying tolls will take out of the family budget? Seniors generally live on fixed incomes and have major healthcare and prescription drug costs not covered by Medicare. Where's the travel time and out of pocket cost study for any of these groups? What about the potential adverse economic impacts to other families not identified as low income, EJ, or vulnerable?

The DEIS also uses a flawed assumption that personal income levels tell the whole story about whether or not drivers can afford tolls. An analysis of disposable household income is a better gauge of affordability. The number of dependents, household debt (mortgage, car payments, etc.), property tax and other tax burdens, medical care costs, school tuition costs, as well as higher fuel and food costs than other areas of San Antonio are all significant factors that determine disposable income.

Also, most income data used in the DEIS pre-dates the economic downturn that started in 2008, which has yet to recover fully. With many experiencing cuts in pay and/or underemployment, experiencing a negative savings rate, high levels of personal debt, are underinsured or lacking health insurance, as well as experiencing sustained high fuel and hence food prices, higher payroll taxes and new healthcare costs coming next year under the Affordable Care Act, disposable personal income and standard of living have taken a significant dive since 2008.

Cintra's traffic and revenue data was based on pre-2008 incomes and the company cites that as one reason its SH 130 toll project is experiencing half the forecasted traffic the pre-2008 data predicted. Moody's recently downgraded Cintra's credit rating four steps and predicts insolvency in less than three years.

Since much of the development in the corridor is retail, schools, hotels, restaurants, and hospitals, many of these industries employ low to mid-wage earners. How will businesses retain employees if their salaries can't possibly pay for tolls to get access to their jobs? Driving congested, stop-light ridden frontage roads is NOT an efficient nor effective alternative to freeway lanes and will encourage potential employees to seek employment elsewhere.

Regardless of income level or status, all consumers will experience yet another jump in their cost of goods due to businesses passing the increased transportation/toll costs onto their customers in the corridor.

Even the DEIS low income and EJ populations economic impact analysis is inadequate since it claims no adverse impacts to either of these groups. The DEIS claims if someone can't afford tolls (which is much broader than EJ populations), they can use the frontage roads (or other alternate routes that are greater distances and ridden with stop lights, slower speeds). These alternate routes are already congested today and are not meant to carry the traffic that a highway is designed to do. Making those who can't afford tolls second class citizens relegated to congested free routes with longer travel times not only violates NEPA's mandate, but it is also patently unfair since everyone is paying gas tax for highways, but only those who can afford to pay tolls, too, can access highways paid for in whole or in part with their tax money. This policy is also discriminatory and inefficient.

One of the goals of the Federal Highway Administration listed in the DEIS is to minimize vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gases. A tolled alternative will exacerbate both, rather than reduce them. By making those who cannot afford tolls take longer alternate routes (Blanco, Bulverde, Canyon Golf, etc.), it increases VMT. Since those alternate routes are more congested (with stop lights that require frequent stopping/idling), greenhouse gases will also increase rather than have the thru-put traffic use the more efficient highway.

#### **Displacement/diversion of toll traffic & safety concerns**

The DEIS claims the facility, whether tolled or not, will improve safety in the corridor. However, whether or not its tolled and whether or not there are restricted lanes in the center of the highway (managed toll/HOV lanes) have major adverse impacts on safety. There are studies and empirical data to show that HOV lanes (tend to be higher speed) next to congested freeway lanes (much lower speeds) make entrance and egress very unsafe due to speed differentials.

Managed toll/HOV lanes impede EMS from reaching victims, crashes, and hospitals. The HOV-Transit toll lanes ('managed lane' option) in the center of the non-toll freeway lanes (up to Stone Oak Pkwy.) inhibit the ability of EMS and police to reach victims and quickly usher them to hospitals when they have to cross two lanes of congested freeway lanes and try to access restricted center toll/HOV lanes with barriers and minimal shoulders if any. Such an arrangement puts lives at risk when every second counts.



Also, the DEIS acknowledges (Vol I, Chap. 3, p. 215) traffic trying to avoid paying tolls will be displaced onto neighborhood streets. This effects safety, schools, property values, quality of life, and access to gainful employment. The DEIS has no meaningful study whatsoever of adverse impacts of the cut-through traffic into neighborhoods where pedestrians, cyclists, and school children use the roads, crosswalks, sidewalks.

A study by Peter Swan and Michael Belzer for Penn State in 2007 showed that this diversion of toll traffic increased accidents (17 times higher - high speed long-distance traffic competing with low speed local traffic), significant heavy truck diversions, and congestion onto streets not designed to handle high speed thru traffic. Though it specifically dealt with the higher expected diversion rate due to higher toll rates under road privatization models, the RMA's toll rate range up to 50 cents a mile is in line with toll rates charged on privately operated roads, which is substantially higher than traditional turnpikes that charge closer to 9-12 cents a mile. Therefore, the tolled options DO NOT meet the purpose and need of the project when it will merely displace congestion into neighborhoods, rather than relieve overall congestion in the corridor.

The DEIS claims there are no (p. 408) long-term changes to access or mobility from the proposed build alternatives as well as a reduction in accidents (p. 417). However, tolling will restrict access and the spillover traffic onto neighborhood streets restricts the flow and access those neighborhoods enjoy today. As the Swan study demonstrates, accidents on the non-toll routes could increase 17%. The DEIS fails to acknowledge or attempt to eliminate or mitigate how all of these adverse impacts effect property values, neighborhood cohesion, and quality of life.

#### **Other Flaws**

The DEIS Bexar County population growth projections for the corridor don't comport with the City of San Antonio's North Sector Plan and the MPO's 2035 MTP that require higher density, in-fill development, and which project lower population growth outside Loop 1604, not a 5.5% annual increase through 2035 as the DEIS consultant assumes. By using aggressive growth figures, it pads the forecasted traffic for toll scenarios as well as dilutes the potential identified environmental impacts associated with the project.

Another flaw is to assume the population, development, and travel patterns will remain the same under both tolled and non-toll scenarios. Tolls will change driving patterns and the desirability of an area for residential growth. The DEIS fails to separate out the adverse impacts specific to toll options and non-toll options.

The adverse impacts of a tolled scenario are irreversible. Decision makers must advance the COMPLETE NON-TOLL EXPRESSWAY option in the most affordable, cost-effective manner possible with the sufficient, available funds already identified.



**Pots of Money that slipped away**

**Quick View**



**Pots of Money that slipped away**

**TOTALS OVER \$1 billion** in potential non-toll funds for 281 in just San Antonio allocations that have been spent elsewhere. This does not include Prop 14 funds.



**\$100 million** concession fee from Cintra (Fall 2012/Obligated Feb 2013) (\$60 million to Austin/\$40 million to Guadalupe on non-priority projects) Cintra's segments barely touch southern Travis County, the project runs from Mustang Ridge through Caldwell County & Guadalupe County. \$60 million went to Travis County for toll road that will feed into SH 130 & \$40 million went to interchange improvements in Seguin which will also help feed traffic into SH 130.



**\$200 million** from the \$2 billion in cost under runs, unanticipated federal funds, and restructuring its debt that TxDOT announced last year (2012).

San Antonio's allocation should have been **\$200 million**. Only got **\$146 million**. Went to 10-mile, non-toll expansion on Loop 1604.



**\$500 million** from the \$5 billion in Prop 12 bonds (2009 & 2011)

San Antonio's allocation should have been 10% or **\$500 million**, we got **\$224 million**. Went to Wurzbach Pkwy - Round I in 2009, I-35 added auxiliary lanes in Schertz area & overpass at Vance Jackson on Loop 1604 - Round II in 2011.



**\$200 million** from the \$2 billion in federal stimulus funds (2009)

San Antonio's allocation should have been **\$200 million**, only got **\$143 million**. Went to non-toll southern ramps of the 281/1604 interchange.



**\$100 million** in gas taxes (MPO TIP documents and TxDOT District Engineer on the record) (disappeared mid-2008)

**\$48 million** was there from the late 90s. The remaining gas taxes were allocated between 2005 & 2006.

**1999**

MPO votes to fund overpasses/interchanges at Evans Road, Stone Oak Parkway, and Borgfield to be "let" in 2002. (Official action put these 281 projects in the MPO's 2000-2003 TIP)



Pots of money

Total Gas-tax Funds  
**\$ 48 million**

**2001**

TxDOT public hearings promising freeway plan (including overpasses, 2 new lanes, and frontage roads) to be "let" in 2003.

MPO votes to fund all freeway improvements (lane expansion, frontage roads, overpasses) for the 2.5 miles north of 1604 and for Borgfield overpass, places funds in 2002-2004 MPO TIP (upwards of \$60 million, total pricetag to county line is \$100 million, so majority of improvements could have been made in 2003).

Total Gas-tax Funds  
**\$ 60 million**

**2003**

Legislature passes **HB 3588** opening door to tolling, public private partnerships (PPPs) that place infrastructure in the hands of foreign companies), payments to losing bidders, including converting existing freeways into toll roads.

Bexar County Commissioners vote to petition the State to open a Regional Mobility Authority (tolling entity). Transportation Commission passes Minute Order December 18 mandating all new lanes and new roads be studied for tolling. If they can make it toll viable (including using public subsidies), everything will now become a toll road.

MPO votes to continue to fund 281 improvements with gas taxes in the 2004-2006 TIP.

**MPO**  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
A local board that allocates gas taxes to projects in its region.

**TIP**  
Transportation Improvement Program  
Four year funding plan managed by MPO.

**HB3588**  
House Bill 3588  
Legislation passed in 2003 enabling tolling mandate, established P3s, RMAs, and TTC.

**PPPs (P3s)**  
Public Private Partnerships  
Procurement method that hands control of public infrastructure to private and even foreign corporations.



## TIMELINE



## Pots of Money that slipped away

Compiled by TUIF  
Contact: Terri Hall - 210-275-0640 - terri@texasTUIF.org

# 2004

**Cintra**  
Spain-based toll  
Concessionaire  
Global toll operator  
who has been awarded  
3 of 4 P3s in Texas.

In July, MPO votes to convert 281 freeway improvements (already funded with gas taxes) into toll road.

# 2005

**HB2702**  
House Bill 2702  
Legislation passed in  
2005 that stops the  
conversion of freeways  
to toll ways. Riddled  
with loopholes it  
grandfathers in 281 and  
most other toll projects  
across the state.

Cintra-Zachry plunks down an unsolicited bid to buy-up the rights to toll both 281 and 1604 offering quick cash to TxDOT in exchange for collecting tolls for 50+ years.

MPO votes to fund 281 improvements (now a toll project) with gas taxes in the 2006-2008 TIP.

Legislature passes bill, **HB 2702**, to prevent the conversion of freeways into toll roads. TxDOT and the RMA change plain meaning of words and defy the legislative intent by continuing to convert 281 into a toll road leaving frontage roads, not freeway lanes, as the non-toll.

The MPO also voted to allocate \$500 million in public funds to subsidize these toll roads that aren't viable. "The agency also set aside more than \$500 million in public money to subsidize toll projects." (*Express-News*, December 1, 2005)

Zachry awarded contract to make improvements to the first 3 miles of 281. Total hard bid cost: \$78 million (or \$26 million/mile). This was during a peak in highway construction costs, costs have fallen sharply since then.

In December, People for Efficient Transportation and AGUA file federal lawsuit to stop the 281 toll project.

**TTC**  
Trans-Texas Corridor  
4k mile multi-modal toll  
network handed to a  
foreign corporation  
using P3s. To confiscate  
1/2 billion acres of  
private property.

# 2006

In January, FHWA agrees TxDOT didn't follow federal law and pulls environmental clearance (**NEPA**) for 281 toll road. Toll opponents continue to fight to get gas tax plan restored in its place (at the MPO and TX Legislature).

In *San Antonio Current* article in August, TxDOT confirms there's now \$100 million in gas taxes for 281 (the exact pricetag for ALL the FREEway improvements from 1604 to Bexar County line).

TxDOT District Engineer David Casteel also confirmed the \$100 million in gas taxes at debate in Leon Valley.

In December, MPO votes to apply gas taxes for 281 to the toll project in its 2006-2008 TIP.

**FHWA**  
Federal Highway  
Administration  
Approves and give  
environmental  
clearance on projects.

**NEPA**  
National Environmen-  
tal Policy Act  
Federal law governing  
environmental studies  
& environmental  
clearance for road  
projects across the  
nation.

**SB 792**  
Senate Bill 792  
The compromise bill  
placing moratorium  
on P3s across the state.  
Triggered sunset in  
September 2009

Legislature puts the brakes on PPPs with **SB 792** moratorium, Cintra-Zachry deal pulled, Alamo RMA takes 281 toll project.

Cost for 281 & 1604 toll projects jumps from a combined \$1.4 billion to \$2.2 billion per *San Antonio Business Journal* (the cost of the 281 project by itself had never been listed as greater than \$400 million up until then). There was no explanation for this new figure in the article. Not even with factoring in the construction index (which is higher than the consumer price index used for inflation) can such figures be justified.

In December, MPO votes to approve toll rates and to subsidize the 281 & 1604 toll projects with \$325 million (\$112 million for 281) in TMF funds (not backed by tolls, that could be used to keep it a freeway). 281 pricetag is now 4 times more expensive than the freeway in construction costs alone).



## Pots of money

Total Gas-tax Funds

**\$ 100 million**

\$100 million in gas taxes (MPO TIP documents and TxDOT District Engineer on the record)  
\$48 million was there from the late 90s. The remaining gas taxes were allocated between 2005 & 2006.

# 2007



## 2008

In February, Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom (TURF) and AGUA file federal lawsuit to stop the 281 toll project. Plaintiffs announce no opposition to freeway plan, only seek to stop the toll road. Grassroots continue to work to keep 281 a freeway.

In June, Alamo RMA discloses scant financial details in public hearing and reveals the \$475 million toll road will cost \$864 million in interest bringing the pricetag to \$1.3 billion for a project cost that started at \$100 million in gas taxes.

On July 22, AFTER its public hearing disclosing the financial structure of the deal, Alamo RMA does a bait and switch, changes the type and structure of the loans/bonds and seeks a different type of loan for part of the project. For a loan amount of \$95 million, the cost to the taxpayers with interest would have been \$700 million in order to scrape funds together in a desperate attempt to finance a project the public can no longer afford. This is nothing short of usury and fiscal malfeasance!

Then, RMA Chair Bill Thornton blames citizens for cost escalation, not their own funding schemes with lending terms so bad it's equivalent to a sub prime mortgage loan headed for a taxpayer bailout. Neither lawsuit had anything to do with TXDOT's failure to install the FREEway improvements funded with gas taxes since 2002. The cost escalated when TXDOT/RMA turned it into a toll road.

Even factoring in inflation and higher construction costs, the FREEway plan is now \$170 million (which the \$112 million the MPO allocated to the toll road would nearly cover) versus the toll road cost of \$1.3 billion. TXDOT delayed the project in 2003 when they went on a toll road rampage. The RMA and TXDOT will charge the taxpayers 10 times more to make 281 a toll road.

In October, under the threat of imminent legal action from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the federal court, TXDOT pulled its own environmental clearance for the 281 project after evidence showed it rigged the environmental study by pre-determining the outcome to have "no impact" even before impacts were studied. TXDOT also purposely withheld documents from the FHWA that cautioned there were potential "severe" impacts to the Edwards Aquifer, and a TXDOT biologist hired her own husband's company for a portion of the study to help TXDOT secure a hasty environmental clearance from the feds. As a result, the FHWA banned TXDOT from conducting the new environmental study for 281 and 1604.

Shortly after this announcement, the RMA took over the environmental study. In the summer of 2008, the \$100 million in gas taxes that were available to fund 281 without tolls disappeared. TXDOT, the MPO, nor the RMA has ever accounted for these funds.

## 2009

As reported in news interviews, Thornton promised that if a new pot of money dropped out of the sky from somewhere, that it would do 281 as a non-toll project. WOAI news radio reported January 14: "For the first time ever, officials are floating a proposal to build the long planned new main lanes of US 281 outside of Loop 1604, without making them toll lanes."

Thornton promised it would remain a freeway if they got stimulus money for it (read it here): "If the project is paid for through federal funds, you don't need that option of tolling."

In February, the MPO received federal stimulus money. Yet in the project list submitted to the Transportation Commission for stimulus funds, it clearly listed 281 as a toll road! The RMA never submitted 281 as a non-toll project and never intended to do a non-toll fix as these documents show. Then, the RMA announced it would instead build the 281/1604 interchange as non-tolled (instead of fixing 281 north), and the RMA abandoned the freeway fix completely to pursue the interchange. In documents submitted to the Transportation Commission, it showed the interchange as "partially tolled." The RMA was still pursuing tolling the 4 northbound connectors to connect to the future toll road, even though the interchange would be 100% paid for with stimulus money and would not need to be tolled.

After the public outrage over the bait and switch, it stated in an Express-News article March 6, that only the 4 southbound connectors would be built (instead of all 8 connectors), yet there was no cost reduction. So now, the RMA is planning to build HALF an interchange for the price of a WHOLE one (\$143 million) so that it can continue to pursue tolling the northbound ramps. RMA submits cost to MPO in December 2009 that shows cost for northern ramps are only \$59 million. This demonstrates the \$143 million in stimulus funds should have built both the northern and southern ramps of the 281/1604 interchange.

October 2009 MPO meeting at Alzafar Shrine, 800 people attend, 100 sign-up to testify, 96% oppose a toll road on 281. MPO votes to keep 281 a toll road despite overwhelming public opposition. Emails obtained through Open Records request documents violation of quorum by TXDOT seeking to gain votes from MPO Board members prior to meeting.



### Pots of money

#### Federal Stimulus Funds (\$ 143 million)

\$2 billion in federal stimulus funds came to Texas.

The San Antonio allocation should have been \$200 million - we only got \$143 million.

Those funds went to the non-toll southern ramps of the 281/1604 interchange

Prop 12 - Round 1

#### (\$ 130 million)

\$5 billion in Prop 12 bonds (in two rounds - 2009 & 2011)

San Antonio's allocation should have been 10% or \$500 million, we got less than \$400 million in the two rounds.

Those funds went to Wurzbach Pkwy.



## TIMELINE



### Pots of Money that slipped away

Compiled by TUBE  
Contact: Fern Hall - 210-275-0640 - [fern@texasTUBE.org](mailto:fern@texasTUBE.org)

## 2011

### HB 1112

#### House Bill 1112

Legislation granting RMA's ownership of state & federal highways in perpetuity. Authorizes "Robin Hood" system financing

### TMF

#### Texas Mobility Fund

Public funds primarily from traffic fines allocated to mobility projects.

### EIS

#### Environmental Impact Statement

Highest level of environmental study required for toll roads due to controversy

### ATD

#### Advanced Transportation District

San Antonio sales tax (0.125) dedicated to roads.

## 2012



### Pots of money

#### Prop 12 - Round 2

### (\$ 94 million)

\$5 billion in Prop 12 bonds (in two rounds - 2009 & 2011)

San Antonio's allocation should have been 10% or \$500 million, we got \$224 million total.

Those funds went to I-35 added auxiliary lanes in Schertz area, & overpass at 1604 & Vance Jackson.

When TxDOT announced \$2 billion in new funds captured by cost underruns, etc., the MPO passed a resolution to expand segments of 281 & 1604 WITHOUT TOLLS on March 26. Yet TxDOT came back with a financing proposal that still included tolls. TxDOT presented various versions of a proposed hybrid financing plan for 281 & 1604 to the board on June 4 and again on June 15.

Changes were made to this proposal between the June 4 & June 15 MPO meetings and its June 25 meeting. In fact, changes were made to the proposal over the weekend prior to its Monday, June 25 meeting (which was less than the 72 hours notice required by law) without notifying the board until they walked into the meeting June 25. The final proposal adopted June 25 takes an existing main lane on 281 and converts it into a bus-toll lane ('transit priority lane'). The dedicated bus lanes were never discussed prior to the meeting.

#### TMF funds

### (\$ 30 million)

These funds moved to the 281/1604 interchange project for the northern ramps leaving \$82 million in TMF funds for 281.

Legislature passes HB 1112. Once the RMA gets development rights for a toll project, it will OWN the road in PERPETUITY and it will NEVER revert back to part of the FREE state or federal highway system again. The only reason for owning these roads in perpetuity is so they can keep the tolls in place in PERPETUITY. The Chair of the RMA is appointed by the GOVERNOR, not local elected officials. The Chair controls the RMA's agenda. Neither this MPO, nor local elected officials, will be able to control whether or not tolls stay in place in PERPETUITY.

MPO votes to steal \$30 million more in existing non-toll TMF funds for 281 to build the northern ramps of the 281/1604 interchange, therefore further depleting non-toll options to fix 281.

Adjusting the needed improvements for 281 to today's dollars using Zachry's hard bid cost (which was submitted at a peak for highway construction, costs have fallen sharply since then), the new cost to fix would be \$202 million.

RMA completes draft of EIS for 281. RMA's new cost estimate for the tolled improvements: \$485-\$505 million.

The RMA nor TxDOT has ever satisfactorily justified the cost escalation. Making the cost appear out of reach with traditional sources of funding works in their favor to try to force the MPO into a toll regime.

RMA documents in prior MPO plans show the 281 toll road isn't even 50% toll viable. Where will the needed subsidies come from? In our faltering economy, who will have to bailout the RMA's toll road when the forecasted traffic doesn't show up as has happened on recent toll projects in San Diego, South Carolina, and Georgia? YOU and our local taxpayers WILL, not TxDOT. It's the ultimate unfunded mandate!



### Pots of money

#### ATD funds

### (\$ 20 million)

These ATD funds given to the 1604 non-toll expansion.

#### Federal funds

### (\$ 146 million)

\$2 billion in cost under runs. San Antonio's allocation should have been \$200 million. Only got \$146 million. Went to 10-mile, non-toll expansion on Loop 1604)

#### MPO Plan

(adopted in June 2012)

For non-toll expansion:

\$80 million - ATD\*

\$24 million - TMF\*

\$9 million - Bidder 42 (Prop 12, Bond III)

\$110 million for non-toll

For tolled expansion:

\$272 million - toll revenue bonds

\$58 million - TMF\*

\$330 million for toll elements

TOTAL COST: \$440 million

(less the \$60 million for northern ramps.

\*Changes made when ATD money swapped for TMF for street car)

### Non-toll Funds Available for Expansion TODAY

Combined from MPO plan above:

\$80 million - ATD

\$82 million - TMF\*

\$4 million - Bidder 42 (planning \$)

\$166 million available for non-toll

\*Funds can be used for non-toll expansion, due to \$80 million in local ATC dollars for "leveraging" requirement

#### Cintra concession fee

### 100 million)

(Fall 2012 / Obligated Feb 2013)

## 2013

TxDOT received \$100 million Cintra concession fee in late 2012 for speed limit manipulation to 85 MPH on SH 130. Texas Transportation Commission approved minute order to allocate \$60 million to Travis County (Austin) for a toll road that will feed into Cintra's SH 130 toll road, and \$40 million to Guadalupe County (Seguin) for the I-10 and SH 46 interchange improvements which will also help feed traffic into Cintra's SH 130 toll road.

Cintra's segments of SH 130 barely touch southern Travis County, the project runs from Mustang Ridge through Caldwell County & Guadalupe County.

**BACKGROUND**

- Name & Address – Brent Lane, 613 El Portal
- Speaking as President of HP EDC
- Reg. Arch – 32 years (Fiesta Texas, Citicorp, Wells Fargo)

**REASON FOR EDC IN HP**

- HP is a community in transition and more an island every day
- We are aging in place – Average age has gone from 49 to 56 in last decade
- EDC purpose is to restore property values, tax revenues and infrastructure.
- Estimate of \$12-15M in road replacement and resurfacing.
- \$255,000 in the city budget for roads, thanks to state law, and Perry just vetoed the relief bill
- HP has hired John German (HNTB) to do a traffic study and Capital Improvements Plan.
- EDC is doing a Strategic marketing and Branding study with Dublin & Associates to attract new (younger) investment to the Park to help raise appraised values without raising rates too much.

**CONCERN WITH IMPACTS ON HOLLYWOOD PARK**

- Adverse effect on property value through the additional, statistically predictable cut-through traffic:
- Accidents
- Crime
- Roadway wear
- Emissions
- Cost of access for working residents.
- Chilling effect on commercial and retail properties – 281 frontage
- Also applies to Hill Country Village and Hidden Forest
- What impact on cut-through to Bitters – H.F. Elementary?
- TxDOT might ignore our little island because we are geographically and politically insignificant.
- This hearing serves among other things as our public record of concerns
- Cannot afford in any way to have actions that diminish this effort to preserve our community and property values

**QUESTIONS REQUIRING FOLLOW-UP RESPONSE FROM TxDOT (to be submitted by Mayor Ortega):**

1. What are TxDOT's intentions or plans for 281 south of 1604?
2. What are TxDOT's intentions or plans for 1604 east and west of 281?
3. The Area of Influence (AOI) shown on the Draft EIS includes HP and HCV. Where are the environmental, economic, social and traffic impacts for these communities and when will they be submitted to us?
4. The Draft EIS schedule shows public comments close as of June 30, 2013. You confirmed in the meeting that you will delay the decision on the preferred alternative until the HP/HCV impacts are completed, submitted to the communities, reviewed and incorporated into the record. How long will this process require, and what public notice and coordination will take place as a result?
5. The Draft EIS indicates that 19,100 additional acres will undergo development north of 1604 under the managed lane scenarios. Is the traffic impact of this induced development included in the capacity analysis and drive times for 2035?

(In the interest of time, I will touch on some of the points in my Witten comments and submit the full text for inclusion in the record.)

My name is Bob Sartor, the President of the North Central Alamo Area Sub-regional Planning Commission (a 391 Commission in the State of Texas), and former Councilman and Mayor of the Town of Hollywood Park.

On behalf of the members of the North Central Alamo Area Sub-regional Planning Commission, thank you for having the Commission participate in this meeting. We had hoped that this meeting might have occurred many months ago prior to any public notice so that we as governmental entities could present the project as a unified effort consistent with what constituents should expect from their government. While better late than never applies, I would hope that we do not hear the same excuse that “those are great ideas, but we have come too far to change.” Precisely why government-entity to government-entity coordination is desired, but more importantly, mandated, regardless of political desires.

**1. TxDOT (ARMA, other designated project managers) failed to coordinate with local government entities when preparing the US 281 N DEIS.**

In preparing the US 281 N DEIS , TxDOT and project authorities neglected to coordinate with the Town of Hollywood Park and the City of Hill Country Village, and instead relegated the important input of local government to the general public comment process. This questionable tactic has been used and protested by the way, in past projects. They did not use “all practicable means” to work with Hollywood Park and Hill Country Village to “improve and coordinate” a proper environmental review of the project. (An important note, these same problems are occurring with the Loop 1604 [DEIS Project] effort with no coordination with local entities.)

Federal regulations require the “meaningful participation of local government in the environmental review process. Under 42 CFR 1500.2 (f), the agency “shall to the fullest extent possible: Use all practicable means, consistent with the requirements of the Act and other essential considerations of national policy, to restore and enhance the quality of the human environment and avoid or minimize any possible adverse effects of their actions upon the quality of the human environment.” This policy cannot be carried out without the express involvement of local government who are uniquely charged with protecting the people and the economy that makes up the “human environment” impacted. The NEPA regulations require that this be done “consistent with the requirements of the Act,” which TxDOT and project authorities have failed to do by not coordinating directly with Hollywood Park or Hill Country Village.

Further, by the statutes and regulations, TxDOT is required to “consult early with appropriate State and local agencies and Indian tribes and with interested private persons and organizations when its own involvement is reasonably foreseeable.” This project will impact Hollywood Park and Hill Country Village and their economies making the involvement of local government not only “reasonably foreseeable,” but necessary. TxDOT not only has failed to “consult early” with local government, but has never coordinated with Hollywood Park or Hill Country Village who

are ultimately responsible for the social, historical, cultural, and economic well being of their communities.

Community Advisory Group (CAG) does not meet the “coordination” requirement. Participation in a “public scoping meeting” by citizens is not “coordination.” Since prior notice and meaningful input into the process as government-agency to government-agency coordination has therefore not taken place. When did TxDOT seek coordination with local governmental entities on the scoping of the project? Did they not think that might be important much less required by law? Unfortunately it falls victim of the similar pattern of a preconceived plan or agenda in which no changes are requested or wanted by agencies charged with the projects.

Shortly after the NCAASRPC was activated in September 2009, the Commission mailed notification to numerous federal, state, and regional agencies and organizations informing them of the creation of the Commission. This included the EPA, FHWA, TxDOT, and the ARMA (including Bexar County representatives). To date, the Commission has effectively not received any contact by these agencies to coordinate any projects in this area.

**2. TxDOT neglected to consider the cumulative effects the project will have on the natural and human environment of the Town of Hollywood Park and City of Hill Country Village.**

As with previous projects in this region, the City of San Antonio is prevalent within the study. This is not just semantics, Hollywood Park and Hill Country Village are NOT even afterthoughts. There are 21 incorporated municipalities within Bexar County. Regardless of size, San Antonio is only one of them. And the money used on this and other projects comes from all taxpayers, local, State, and Federal.

**3. TxDOT neglected to consider the impact the project will have on the local economies and the cultural and historical values of the Town of Hollywood Park and City of Hill Country Village.** Not only is the study void of meaningful study in this regard, as we learned from the Loop 1604/US 281 N Interchange Project, the predicted effects business revenue and residential areas on just the construction phase were way off. Businesses reported much higher losses in revenue. So, problem one is it is not provided for in the DEIS. Second, when you do, have the study accurately reflect what reasonably will occur to include recent historical evidence.

**The NCAASRPC consistent with the views of its member entities:**

1. Opposes Comprehensive Development Agreements (CDA) as funding option for this and related projects which may exclude the region of other funding options.
2. Opposes inclusion of “non-compete” clauses which will prevent future necessary improvements in the surrounding areas for years to come.



3. Opposes any tolling options “in perpetuity.” Regardless of how government entities try to mitigate the effects on local economies and the personal economies of the citizens, having these additional economic burdens go on “for ever” is incomprehensible.
4. Oppose any option that reduces current non-tolled vehicle capacity, throughput, or thoroughfare; no degradation of what the citizens have now in functional attributes.
5. Would prefer increased (non-tolled) capacity be provided for at a minimum, consistent with historical vehicle usage growth.
6. Not opposed to the addition of HOV/High Capacity Lanes as long as existing non-tolled capacity, throughput, and thoroughfare is maintained or improved. Any non-tolled degradation of what the citizens have now defeats the intent of the effort.

Mayor Perry in his May 17, 2013 letter to the EPA and FHWA stated it simply:

“It is hoped that there is not an attempt to relegate the status and or function of the incorporated local government municipality of the Town of Hollywood Park, with duly elected representatives of the citizens of the city, with that of “generic” citizen or public groups that would otherwise not have “standing” within the context of the Acts, statutes, or governmental rules pertaining to these matters. Further, it is hoped that there is not an attempt to “pick and choose” between federal Acts, statutes, and rules versus State of Texas Acts, statutes, and rules for projects involving both Federal and State funds.”

Again, on behalf of the members of the NCAASRPC, thank you for allowing us to participate today.

Bob Sartor

Hollywood Park past Resolution #313 on January 13, 2013 asking TXDoT and the MPO to provide adequate funding for highway improvements adjacent to the Town of Hollywood Park which would enable the citizens access to highways without the imposition of tolls. The Town of Hollywood Park and its residents have rejected the concept of toll ways for the Highway 281 and 1604 corridors adjacent to Hollywood Park because of the negative impact on the retail district and the city's residents.

An Environment Impact Study or EIS is required to look at the effects the expansion of a roadway will have on the environment which includes us the people and the businesses. They have not done that, they have completely left the Town of Hollywood Park out of the equation. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for US Highway 281 is insufficient for many reasons, but most importantly because the agency did not coordinate with the Town of Hollywood Park, Texas, and therefore is missing vital information regarding the impact that US Highway 281 and Loop 1604 will have on the Town of Hollywood Park both directly and indirectly. Specifically the Texas Department of Transportation:

1. Failed to coordinate with local government as mandated by Congress. Congress recognized the essential contribution of local governments to the NEPA process and mandated this local involvement because it understood that every action would directly impact the local community and that no other government body was more qualified to address these impacts than the local governments elected by the residents.
2. Neglected to consider the cumulative effects of the US 281 and Highway 1604 projects will have on the natural and human environment of the Town of Hollywood Park.
3. Neglected to consider the impact these projects will have on the local economy of the Town of Hollywood Park.

The 281 DEIS has basically 4 alternative plans, 2 of which should not even be on the table. Those two options are “No Build” which we all know the roadway has to be expanded and the “Elevated Alternative” which is way too expensive at \$646-655 Million. That leaves us “to toll or not to toll”. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Expressway Alternatives are the same plan just whether it is tolled or not. The Expressway Alternative plan would give us 3 highway lanes going both north and south on Highway 281 from Highway 1604 to the County line just north of Borgfield Road. **That gives us two less lanes than we have now between 1604 and Evans Road. So we are losing capacity right off the bat.**

The toll plan would leave 4 lanes free and 2 lane tolled from 1604 north to Stone Oak. Every lane north of Stone Oak to the county line would be tolled at an estimated cost of between \$434 and \$448 million dollars, per the DEIS.

The current plan adds no new lanes south of Stone Oak Pkwy and remove 2 existing lanes between Evans Road and 1604, therefore it does NOT meet the purpose and need of the project, which is to improve mobility and relieve congestion in the corridor. The current option will not meet the purpose and need of the project since it will displace traffic avoiding the toll onto frontage roads and neighborhood streets creating permanent congestion in the corridor. Studies show that tolling roadways displaces cars and congestion into neighborhoods to avoid paying tolls, the Draft EIS even states this.

Here is where the problems for Hollywood Park begin. Our Resident’s safety, quality of life and property values as well as the success of our businesses depend on these roadways and whether citizens and customers can afford the added cost of toll roads is a factor that should be addressed. The cost of the roads themselves is also a fact, as we the taxpayers are footing the bill for these roads. The City of Hollywood Park cannot afford the additional wear and tear on our streets caused by the displaced traffic. The safety of our residents on our roads in cars, on bikes or on foot is at risk. There is the added cost of patrolling our streets because of the extra traffic and possible criminals coming into our City.

Our businesses cannot afford to lose any business because it cost their customers to get to those businesses, Gasoline is already a deterring factor and it is only going up. The DEIS has done an inadequate study of the economic impact to the citizens and businesses of the Town of Hollywood Park. Tolls will cost users up to 50 cents per mile making a single round trip cost up to \$7 per day or almost \$2000 a year in new taxes on driving. Then add to that all your trips to the stores, schools and church, you can see how this will add up.

Non-compete clauses in the contracts with the toll operators could penalize or prohibit the expansion of free alternatives like Blanco, Stone Oak, Bulverde Road as well as our own streets here in Hollywood Park thus causing more traffic to be driven thru Hollywood Park.

This project is being built with our tax dollars so let's look at the numbers, they just don't add up. 10 miles on 1604 west are currently being expanded, NON-TOLL, with 4 new lanes and 5 overpasses for \$200 million dollars or \$20 million a mile (it's being upgraded to a control access highway, like the proposed action on US 281). Yet on US 281, the cost is closer to \$55 million a mile (nearly triple the cost of Loop 1604). Using Loop 1604 approximate cost per mile, there's enough money already allocated to US 281 in the MPO's TIP right now to fix it all the way to the county line without tolls. MPO documents show \$170 million - that's \$24 million/mile for 7 miles and more than the cost per mile they're paying for the non-toll lanes on Loop 1604 West. There is plans for a bus direct connect at Stone Oak Parkway and 281 for a park and ride with no actual data or study to justify the need, estimated cost of \$58 million. 9 overpasses at \$10 million each when 7 would do, every subdivision doesn't need an overpass. The project also includes 'context sensitive solutions' like artistic elements, accent lighting, rain gardens, etc. which are not essential to the purpose and need. All of these extra costs need to be eliminated.

**Oh by the way \$20 million was diverted from the 281 funds to go to the 1604 project and don't forget the \$92 million that was swapped out from the 281 project to go towards the SA Street Cars. And they continue to tell us there is no money to improve 281 or 1604 without tolls, it just isn't so.**

This is a significant economic impact that reduces personal income and will price many of the residents of Hollywood Park off the highway altogether. The DEIS only studied economic impacts to Environmental Justice populations. However, the elderly and children are also considered 'vulnerable' populations by TXDOT guidance documents. Yet no study on these populations were considered even though Seniors generally live on fixed incomes. An elderly population was identified in southern Canyon Lake which is miles from the 281 project, where over 70% are age 50 or over. The DEIS fails to factor in impacts to this group and assumes no adverse impacts in accessing transportation for this 'vulnerable' population. Hollywood Park is literally on the south boundary of this project and whether there was any impact on us was not even looked at in the DEIS. The DEIS also uses a flawed assumption that personal income levels tell the whole story about whether or not drivers can afford tolls. An analysis of disposable household income is a better gauge of affordability. Also a percentage of Hollywood Park's population is retired and on fixed income, they have not been covered.

I am opposed to converting any of our current roadways into toll roads. In regards to US Highway 281 I am opposed to taking right-of-way the taxpayers have already paid for, the highway we currently have, and using more tax dollars to convert the lanes we use today into toll roads and then charging the taxpayers a third time for the privilege to drive on the road we own. Those that can't afford the tolls will be pushed off the road made to drive on the frontage roads with slower speeds and traffic lights, and they will be cutting thru Hollywood Park using our streets that we pay for. We get no state or federal funds for our roads.

## Janice Alamia

---

**From:** Pam Stewart [pnestewart@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2013 10:54 PM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Subject:** Tolling of Hwy. 281

We are citizens of Hollywood Park and we strongly protest the tolling of Hwy. 281. We are senior citizens who have already paid our tax dollars to pay for these roads. With the rising costs of health care and inflation we will be hard pressed and unable to ride on the roads we paid for.

Congestion that is a big problem in Hollywood Park will not be relieved, rather another type of obstruction will arise. The toll roads will be a very costly hindrance to the channels (entering and departing) of residents and businesses.

Forcing toll roads on a population that voted them down is a disparaging act that does not consider the needs or opinions of the people.

Sincerely,

Ed and Pamela Stewart  
106 Tiger Tail Rd.

Danny and Patricia Daniel  
118 Donella Drive

## Janice Alamia

---

**From:** Charles W. Lutter, Jr. [lutter@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2013 1:36 PM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Subject:** RE: CITY HALL NEWS\*\*\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hi! This is Chuck Lutter at 103 Canyon Oaks. I have some questions that do not include EIS matters.

Will the meeting cover other matters such as: Is this proposed project subject to Subchapter E of the Traffic Code, Sections 201 to 208, on converting non-tolled state highways? If so, what is the status of efforts to follow the code? If not, why not?

What is the purpose of the project -- that is, what issues will be solved? Is there any assurance that a toll road will solve the issues?

Is this a proposed "private toll road?" If not, how is it being financed? Will bonds be issued? Will Hollywood Park residents be on the hook to cover defaults? [In 2009, SB17 flagged defects in many agreements involving private toll roads.]

In light of TXDOT experiences with cost estimates in Dallas, do the projections on this project cover the items omitted in the initial Dallas cost estimates?

See you at 3:00 PM.

Best of everything,

Chuck Lutter

---

**From:** Janice Alamia [mailto:jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 12:21 PM  
**To:** Janice Alamia  
**Subject:** CITY HALL NEWS\*\*\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR  
**Importance:** High



*From Mayor David Ortega*

Dear Residents:

Members of the City Council and I, along with representatives from Hill Country Village, will be having a SPECIAL meeting on July 24, 2013 at 3:00pm at the Hollywood Park City Hall Council chambers.

We will be meeting with representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency and various other agencies, to discuss the effects the tolling of Highway 281 will have on the residents of the Town of Hollywood Park. We can all remember the negative effects we derived during the

construction of the 1604/281 Interchange project, not only during the construction phase but also after completion.

The Environmental Impact Study [EIS] does not consider the impact and effect the toll roads will have on access, ingress and egress for the **citizens and businesses** of Hollywood Park. The tolled options DO NOT meet the purpose and need of the project when they will merely displace congestion into Hollywood Park, rather than relieve it. The Town of Hollywood Park includes a population of retired residents that live on fixed incomes. These citizens will not be able to **pay to ride on the roads** their tax dollars have already paid for.

I encourage you to attend this very important meeting to voice your concerns for the record. If you are unable to attend, please email your statement to [jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov](mailto:jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov) so we may submit your concerns.

Thank you for support in this matter.

*Mayor David Ortega*

~~~~~  
This email, and any attachments thereto, is intended for the use of the addressee(s) and may contain legally privileged and or confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient of this email, and any attachments thereto, is strictly prohibited. If you have received this email in error, please notify me via return e-mail and permanently delete the original and the copy of any e-mail and any print thereof or attachments thereto.



## Janice Alamia

---

**From:** Sandra Urban [sanmd2tx@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2013 11:55 AM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov

I will not be able to attend the meeting today, but I have the following concerns--

1. a toll on 281 will increase traffic in Hollywood Park - our streets already have problems
2. I do not want to pay to drive a road my tax dollars have already built
3. Tolls will present a problem for Hollywood Park businesses (commercial property) which would raise our town taxes

Sandra Urban  
114 William Classen Dr

To: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Department of Education, and all other state & federal agencies involved in the decision regarding whether to turn portions of Hwy 281 and Hwy 1604 into toll roads

From: Michael and Sharon Vriesenga, 311 Donella Drive, Hollywood Park

Date: July 23, 2013

Subject: Our opposition to the tolling of parts or all of Hwy 281 and/or Hwy 1604

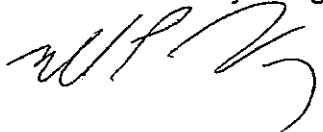
We are unable to attend the public meeting at 3 p.m. July 24 at Hollywood Park because we will be working. However, we want our concerns heard. In addition to the concerns that we share with many residents of Bexar County regarding the unfairness of assessing tolls on roads that county residents already have paid for, we believe Hollywood Park and Hill Country Village residents have some unique concerns based on the location of our neighborhoods at the intersection of Hwy 281 and Hwy 1604.

The most important concern is the sharp increase in traffic flow that the tolling of 281 and/or 1604 would unleash on our towns. We live on Donella Drive, which is one of the busiest roads in Hollywood Park. Although cut-through traffic always has been an issue, it became almost unbearable during the recent construction of the flyover ramps that connect 281 to 1604. We have seen cars pass on this two-lane road, drive on the wrong side of the road, and act in other reckless ways. We also have had to put up with an increased number of commercial vehicles -- including 18-wheelers -- on our road.

People treat cutting through Hollywood Park and Hill Country Village as an "insider's trick" for getting around the 281-1604 intersection, and we are frankly sick of it. This is a neighborhood, not a freeway. If you assess tolls on all or part of Hwy 281 and/or Hwy 1604, we believe a very large number of cars will choose to avoid the tolls by cutting through our neighborhoods.

What recourse would Hollywood Park have if this happens? We have an ordinance that prohibits cut-through traffic, but when our officers issue tickets for violating that ordinance the courts throw the tickets out. We are told our roads are public roads and that we cannot restrict cars from cutting through. We're also told that we cannot become a gated community for the same reason. Of course, neither Bexar County nor San Antonio help shoulder the expense of maintaining our roads. That, we are told, is a Hollywood Park expense.

The environmental impact statement (EIS) must take into account all significant effects that the project will have on the human environment. The EIS is deficient if it does not consider the large amount of cut-through traffic that will afflict Hollywood Park and Hill Country Village if the tolls are assessed.



## Janice Alamia

---

**From:** lajoy hauser [reag7haus86@att.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2013 10:43 AM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Subject:** toll road

Dear Janice, About the toll road 1604/281 I am against this because more cars will be coming through Hollywood Park and also affecting our business places. I called State Representative Lawson at 5124630646 and talked to his secretary asking for his help. He is against toll roads, I hope this will help Hollywood Park.  
Lajoy Hauser 147 Canyon Creek Dr

## Janice Alamia

---

**From:** briandp@satx.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2013 9:55 AM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Subject:** Toll for 1604

Hello,

I received the email regarding the tolling options for 1604. I will be unable to make the meeting on Wednesday. I appreciate the opportunity to give my input via email.

The biggest issue for me is that these roads and the interchange at 1604 and 281 have already been paid for with tax dollars. It is completely misguided to take public roadways which are already paid for and begin collecting tolls.

Of secondary concern, but still a major concern, is what rerouting of traffic will do to a quiet neighborhood like Hollywood Park. We have already gotten a taste of this during the major construction of the interchange, and if toll roads are added, this will become permanent and commonplace. Our quiet neighborhood will become a cut-through for people to avoid tolls and traffic. We have already lived through years of construction in the area because of the interchange, and now just as things are getting better, here we go again.

I am not convinced that adding new toll lanes will even make a dent in the congestion problem. Certainly not in the short term while under construction, and not necessarily when all the next round of construction is completed, because so many people will not use the toll lanes. One of the proposals to convert existing lanes to HOV toll lanes is even worse, because it will force traffic to use fewer lanes than we have today.

Finally, all this construction on 1604 and 281 really hurts the mobility of HP citizens. How many more weekends of closures must we endure? When the major construction closures are scheduled, we cant get anywhere, we are trapped!

Again, thanks for the opportunity to submit my opinion.

✓  
Brian Paschal  
513 Skyforest

## Janice Alamia

---

**From:** Weege Henderson [weegehen@satx.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2013 9:30 AM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Cc:** Sudie Sartor  
**Subject:** toll roads

good morning janice,  
unfortunatly i have a prior commitment on wed. & will not be able to attend the meeting.  
my feelings on the subject is that i am against toll roads. being from a part of the country where they have had toll roads they have done no good. i had seen many pot holls that were not fixed in a timely way & other problems.  
my personal feelings is that it is a way for the government to get more money out of the taxpayers. we are being taxed too much as it is.  
it is my sincere wish that we stop the toll roads.  
weege henderson  
303 rua de matta  
san antonio, tx.  
78232

**Janice Alamia**

---

**From:** chris schwartz [magenta81152@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 10:44 PM  
**To:** Sudie Sartor  
**Cc:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Subject:** Re: CITY HALL NEWS\*\*\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear City Representative Sartor and Mayor Ortega --

Concerning this statement from your letter --

*" The tolled options DO NOT meet the purpose and need of the project when they will merely displace congestion into Hollywood Park, rather than relieve it"*

I highly recommend that if our needs are not considered on this issue that the time has come to put controlled entry/exit gates  
(with enforcement) on Hollywood Park.

thanks kindly,

**Charles Schwartz**

112 Trailcrest

34 year resident Hollywood Park

---

**From:** Sudie Sartor <sudiesartor@yahoo.com>  
**To:** Undisclosed Recipients <sudiesartor@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 3:23 PM  
**Subject:** CITY HALL NEWS\*\*\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Please read the important letter below from Mayor Ortega. I hope you can make the meeting and if not please send your comments to the City Secretary, her email is below. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at my home, 210-496-2997.

Hope to see you on Wednesday,  
Sudie Sartor

PS: If you didn't get a copy of this email from the City Secretary and would like to be on the HP City Hill email alert list, please email Janice at her email listed below.

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Janice Alamia <jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov>  
**To:** Janice Alamia <jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 12:20 PM

Subject: CITY HALL NEWS\*\*\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*From Mayor David Ortega*

Dear Residents:

Members of the City Council and I, along with representatives from Hill Country Village, will be having a SPECIAL meeting on July 24, 2013 at 3:00pm at the Hollywood Park City Hall Council chambers.

We will be meeting with representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency and various other agencies, to discuss the effects the tolling of Highway 281 will have on the residents of the Town of Hollywood Park. We can all remember the negative effects we derived during the construction of the 1604/281 Interchange project, not only during the construction phase but also after completion.

The Environmental Impact Study [EIS] does not consider the impact and effect the toll roads will have on access, ingress and egress for the citizens and businesses of Hollywood Park. The tolled options DO NOT meet the purpose and need of the project when they will merely displace congestion into Hollywood Park, rather than relieve it. The Town of Hollywood Park includes a population of retired residents that live on fixed incomes. These citizens will not be able to pay to ride on the roads their tax dollars have already paid for.

I encourage you to attend this very important meeting to voice your concerns for the record. If you are unable to attend, please email your statement to [jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov](mailto:jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov) so we may submit your concerns.

Thank you for support in this matter.

*Mayor David Ortega*

---

This email, and any attachments thereto, is intended for the use of the addressee(s) and may contain legally privileged and or confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient of this email, and any attachments thereto, is strictly prohibited. If you have received this email in error, please notify me via return e-

mail and permanently delete the original and the copy of any e-mail and any print thereof or attachments thereto.

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Janice Alamia <jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov>

**To:** Janice Alamia <jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 12:20 PM

**Subject:** CITY HALL NEWS\*\*\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*From Mayor David Ortega*

Dear Residents:

Members of the City Council and I, along with representatives from Hill Country Village, will be having a **SPECIAL meeting on July 24, 2013 at 3:00pm** at the Hollywood Park City Hall Council chambers.

We will be meeting with representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency and various other agencies, to discuss the effects the tolling of Highway 281 will have on the residents of the Town of Hollywood Park. We can all remember the negative effects we derived during the construction of the 1604/281 Interchange project, not only during the construction phase but also after completion.

The Environmental Impact Study [EIS] does not consider the impact and effect the toll roads will have on access, ingress and egress for the citizens and businesses of Hollywood Park. The tolled options DO NOT meet the purpose and need of the project when they will merely displace congestion into Hollywood Park, rather than relieve it. The Town of Hollywood Park includes a population of retired residents that live on fixed incomes. These citizens will not be able to pay to ride on the roads their tax dollars have already paid for.

I encourage you to attend this very important meeting to voice your concerns for the record. If you are unable to attend, please email your statement to [jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov](mailto:jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov) so we may submit your concerns.

Thank you for support in this matter.



*Mayor David Ortega*

~~~~~

This email, and any attachments thereto, is intended for the use of the addressee(s) and may contain legally privileged and or confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient of this email, and any attachments thereto, is strictly prohibited. If you have received this email in error, please notify me via return e-mail and permanently delete the original and the copy of any e-mail and any print thereof or attachments thereto.

## Janice Alamia

---

**From:** Jean-Pierre Cap [jpbcap@me.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 9:19 PM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Subject:** Toll on Route 281

Dear Mayor Ortega:

Although unable to attend the meeting on July 24, we are deeply concerned about the proposed tolls on Rte. 281.

Route 281 is the main connector of northern suburbs to center city, with a heavy concentration of businesses of all kinds along the way, especially north of the airport. Restricting the easy and quick access to this vital artery to communities east and west would frustrate residents and drain the life-blood of these businesses.

Tolls would impact negatively Hollywood Park more than any other neighborhood, since it provides an obvious way to avoid the toll when transiting our community to connect to 1604 West or Stone Oak Parkway to the North.

The RESIDENTIAL community of Hollywood Park was not designed to be a connector for two major highways! It is our local taxes that pay for the maintenance of our roads, and the Department of Transportation has no right to force our residents to pay for the heavy wear and tear, not to speak of danger to pedestrians and noise and dirt pollution, caused by transients.

In the event the Dept. of Transportation and/or the EPA should insist on carrying out this unreasonable plan to toll 281, Hollywood Park's only recourse would be to become a gated community. A possible remedy for this **unfair** imposition would be to GATE two of the three major entrances/exits (Mecca and Donella).

In conclusion, we are VERY MUCH OPPOSED to any kind of toll along Route 281.

Jean-Pierre and Biruta Cap

23 Amber Forest

Hollywood Park, TX 78232

## Janice Alamia

---

**From:** Doak Pierce [GDPierce@benekeith.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 5:09 PM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Subject:** Against toll roads

I agree with Mr. Ortega and my fellow HP residents. We do not need to pay for roads that have already been paid for. Secondly, we need to put in place our own HP toll road system. We can collect revenues from non-HP motorists that use our roads daily. The congestion and invasion of our neighborhoods streets has reduced our standards that once placed HP in the top 5 areas to live in SA. It is unforgiving that our area has been forced into seeing the breach of our secure standards and endangerment of our children who can no longer play outside without concern over their life. It saddens me that our children have lost the ability to play outside because of unsafe motorists not familiar with our HP laws. The speeding and negligence of our laws has chipped away at tranquil living conditions we once knew as HP. Let's produce our own revenues through our own toll road system. Thank you.

Doak Pierce  
500 Sky Forest  
San Antonio, TX 78232

*Doak Pierce*

## Janice Alamia

---

**From:** Presley Orsburn [presmae@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 4:30 PM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Subject:** Toll Road

My wife and I are Not in favor of the toll road. My opinion is, toll roads should be a complete separate road than 281. Tax dollars should not be used to build toll roads. I do not want to have to find alternate routes to get around the toll roads to get to where I wish to go.

Presley Orsburn  
138 Tall Oak Dr.

## Janice Alamia

---

**From:** Tumlinsonsn [tumlinsonsn@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 3:55 PM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Subject:** toll roads

I have lived in Hollywood Park since 1966 and each time I heard fix or improve, it would strike fear in my heart. Now I add toll to that list because they bring nothing but trouble. We have been improved to add congestion, crime and pollution to our neighborhood when the solution would have been so simple. But I stop to think - these are the same people who designed the original boondoggle at 218 and 1604. Tolls I am against them for more reason than I can list. Jane

## Janice Alamia

---

**From:** Kuehr [mandw@kuehrs.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 2:55 PM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Subject:** Tolling US 281

Mr. Mayor,

I am sorry that I will not be able to be at the special meeting regarding the discussion about tolling US Highway 281. Please add our voices to those in opposition. I understand the governmental persistence and thirst for additional funds for the state government to waste, however tolling highways is an unnecessary step backwards and the mark of a decidedly second rate state regardless of the rhetoric from Austin. Misusing road taxes by applying them to general fund issues always helps to create legislator-caused problems as it has here. US 281 has been paid for many times and should not be paid for again. There are undoubtedly many other less shallow options.

Sincerely,

Michael and Wanda Kuehr  
113 Mecca Drive

Sent from my iPad=

**Janice Alamia**

---

**From:** Richard Smith [snar402@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 1:12 PM  
**To:** jalamia@hollywoodpark-tx.gov  
**Subject:** toll roads

We are can not support to the proposed toll road project because of the current lack of details delineating its effects, both positive and negative, on Hollywood Park residents.



# MEMO

February 12, 2014

**To:** 850 File, Various Road Projects, Various CSJs, Various Districts

**From:** Scott Pletka, Ph.D.

**Subject:** Internal review under the First Amended Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Implementation of Transportation Undertakings (PA-TU), and internal review under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Texas Historical Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation

Listed below, are the projects reviewed internally by qualified TxDOT archeologists from 2/6/14 to 2/12/14. These projects either do not warrant survey as a result of a low probability of encountering archeological historic properties and State Archeological Landmarks, or the projects were inspected by survey or impact evaluation and do not warrant further work. As provided under the PA-TU, consultation with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer is not necessary for these undertakings. As provided under the MOU, the proposed projects do not require individual coordination with the Texas Historical Commission.

CSJ	DISTRICT	ROADWAY	WORK PERFORMED
0253-04-138	San Antonio	US 281	Recon Survey

Signature  Date: 02 / 12 / 2014

For FHWA and TxDOT

cc: ECOS Data Entry; PD; ENV\_ARC: PA File

Table Template for Weekly List Memo.doc

## OUR GOALS

MAINTAIN A SAFE SYSTEM ▪ ADDRESS CONGESTION ▪ CONNECT TEXAS COMMUNITIES ▪ BEST IN CLASS STATE AGENCY

An Equal Opportunity Employer



**This page left intentionally blank.**



# Report for Archeological Survey (DRAFT)

---

US 281, CSJ: 0253-04-138 et al.

Principal Investigator: Eric R. Oksanen, Antiquities Permit No. 6784

## **Abstract**

Date of Report: 2/10/2014

Type of Investigation: Reconnaissance Survey

Antiquities Permit Number 6784

Principal Investigator: Eric Oksanen

Texas Department of Transportation

Date of Field Survey: 02/05/2004

US 281 from Loop 1604 Cibolo Creek/ Comal County Line, Bexar County, Texas

CSJ:0253-04-138, 0253-04-089, 0253-04-093, 0253-04-112, 0253-04-114

Project Acreage/Area of Potential Effects: 529 acres

Area Surveyed: 1 acre

Field Person Hours: 12 hours

No archeological sites recorded, and no archeological historic properties

No artifacts collected

Records on file at TxDOT ENV-ECOS

Archeologists from TxDOT conducted a reconnaissance survey for proposed improvements to US 281. The APE is a setting with low potential to contain intact archeological properties because of shallow soils and previous and ongoing development. An approximately 1- acre area was visually inspected at the location of previously recorded sites 41BX749 and 41BX758. No artifacts were collected as no archeological material was observed; therefore, the project will have no effect on archeological historic properties.

## US 281, CSJ: 0253-04-138

- Date: 02/10/2014
- Date(s) of Survey: 02/05/2014
- Archeological Survey Type: Reconnaissance ☒ Intensive ☐
- Report Version: Draft ☒ Final ☐
- Jurisdiction: Federal ☒ State ☒
- Texas Antiquities Permit Number: 6784
- District: San Antonio
- County or Counties: Bexar
- USGS Quadrangle(s): Bulverde (2998-423) and Longhorn (2998-422)
- Highway: US 281 from Loop 1604 to Comal County Line (Cibolo Creek)
- CSJ: 0253-04-138
- Report Author(s): Eric R. Oksanen
- Principal Investigator: Eric R. Oksanen

## Texas Historical Commission Approval

<p><b>DRAFT REPORT ACCEPTABLE</b></p> <p>by <u>Mark H. Canton</u> for Mark Wolfe Executive Director, THC</p> <p>Date <u>2-21-14</u></p> <p>Track# _____</p>
---

Signature

Date

**This page left intentionally blank.**

## Zankowski, Jennifer

---

**From:** Gabriel, Wayne - NRCS, Temple, TX <Wayne.Gabriel@tx.usda.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2014 2:21 PM  
**To:** Zankowski, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Shock, Nadine - NRCS, Temple, TX; Attebury, Kelly - NRCS, Temple, TX; Kinney, Drew - NRCS, Temple, TX  
**Subject:** FW: Prime farmland AD-1006 report for US 281 project in Bexar County  
**Attachments:** US 281\_AD-1006\_Preferred\_Alt.pdf; US 281\_Farmland\_Classification\_Report\_Preferred\_Alt.pdf

Forwarded this to Kelly and Nadine who are responsible for this now.

---

**From:** Zankowski, Jennifer [<mailto:Jennifer.Zankowski@Jacobs.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2014 11:17 AM  
**To:** Gabriel, Wayne - NRCS, Temple, TX  
**Subject:** Prime farmland AD-1006 report for US 281 project in Bexar County

Hi Wayne,

I am evaluating the impacts of a roadway project located in northern Bexar County, Texas which would expand the US 281 roadway between Loop 1604 to the Bexar/Comal County line. Attached you will find the Farmland Classification report that I ran for our AOI on the Web Soil Survey site and a partially completed AD-1006 form for the project. The project area is predominantly developed and urbanized.

I need NRCS assistance in completing the AD-1006 form. Please let me know if you need additional information from me about the project and/or if I should be contacting someone else at NRCS for this request.

Thanks,

Jennifer Zankowski  
Environmental Planner



Environmental Science and Planning  
2705 Bee Cave Road, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78746  
(512) 314-3128  
[jennifer.zankowski@jacobs.com](mailto:jennifer.zankowski@jacobs.com)

---

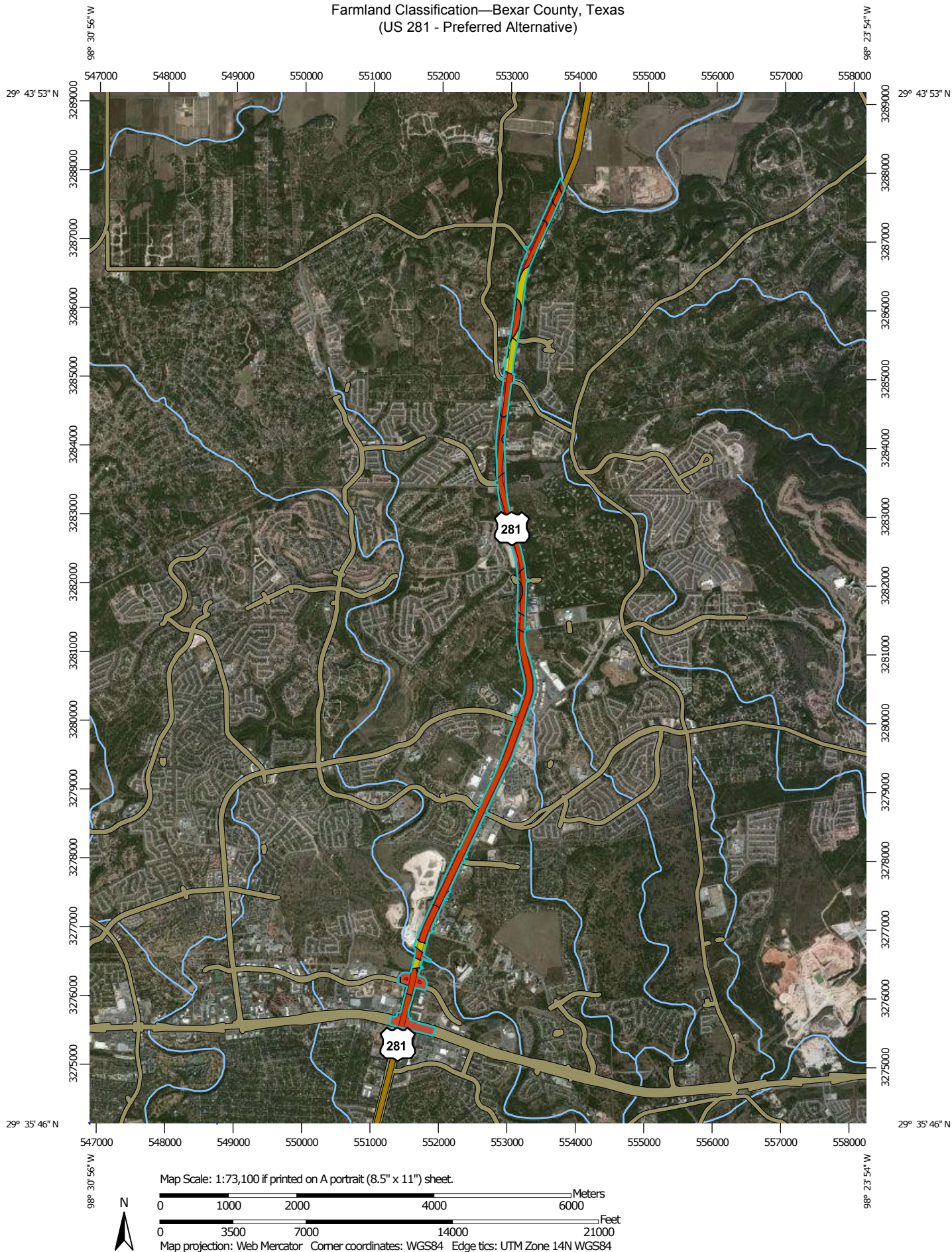
NOTICE - This communication may contain confidential and privileged information that is for the sole use of the intended recipient. Any viewing, copying or distribution of, or reliance on this message by unintended recipients is strictly prohibited. If you have received this message in error, please notify us immediately by replying to the message and deleting it from your computer.

This electronic message contains information generated by the USDA solely for the intended recipients. Any unauthorized interception of this message or the use or disclosure of the information it contains may violate the

law and subject the violator to civil or criminal penalties. If you believe you have received this message in error, please notify the sender and delete the email immediately.



# Farmland Classification—Bexar County, Texas (US 281 - Preferred Alternative)






Farmland Classification—Bexar County, Texas  
(US 281 - Preferred Alternative)









## MAP LEGEND








### Area of Interest (AOI)

-  Area of Interest (AOI)




### Soils








#### Soil Rating Polygons






-  Not prime farmland
-  All areas are prime farmland
-  Prime farmland if drained
-  Prime farmland if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
-  Prime farmland if irrigated
-  Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and drained
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season

-  Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of I (soil erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium
-  Farmland of statewide importance
-  Farmland of local importance
-  Farmland of unique importance
-  Not rated or not available







#### Soil Rating Lines










-  Not prime farmland
-  All areas are prime farmland
-  Prime farmland if drained

-  Prime farmland if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
-  Prime farmland if irrigated
-  Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and drained
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
-  Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of I (soil erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60

-  Prime farmland if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium
-  Farmland of statewide importance
-  Farmland of local importance
-  Farmland of unique importance
-  Not rated or not available

#### Soil Rating Points

-  Not prime farmland
-  All areas are prime farmland
-  Prime farmland if drained
-  Prime farmland if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
-  Prime farmland if irrigated
-  Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season

-  Prime farmland if irrigated and drained
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
-  Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of I (soil erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium
-  Farmland of statewide importance
-  Farmland of local importance
-  Farmland of unique importance
-  Not rated or not available

#### Water Features

## MAP INFORMATION

 Streams and Canals

### Transportation

 Rails


 Interstate Highways

 US Routes

 Major Roads

 Local Roads

### Background

 Aerial Photography

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Web Soil Survey URL: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>  
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Bexar County, Texas  
Survey Area Data: Version 15, Dec 12, 2013

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Feb 6, 2011—Feb 12, 2011

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Farmland Classification

Farmland Classification— Summary by Map Unit — Bexar County, Texas (TX029)				
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
BrE	Brackett gravelly clay loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes	Not prime farmland	23.7	5.3%
BtE	Brackett-Eckrant association, 20 to 60 percent slopes	Not prime farmland	1.1	0.2%
Ca	Anhalt clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Prime farmland if irrigated	22.6	5.0%
Cb	Crawford and Bexar stony soils	Not prime farmland	85.0	18.9%
Kr	Krum clay, 1 to 5 percent slopes	Prime farmland if irrigated	17.5	3.9%
Or	Orif soils, 0 to 1 percent slopes, frequently flooded	Not prime farmland	2.8	0.6%
TaB	Eckrant cobbly clay, 1 to 5 percent slopes	Not prime farmland	38.7	8.6%
TaC	Eckrant cobbly clay, 5 to 15 percent slopes	Not prime farmland	195.2	43.4%
TaD	Eckrant-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 60 percent slopes	Not prime farmland	56.8	12.6%
Tf	Tinn and Frio soils, 0 to 1 percent slopes, frequently flooded	Not prime farmland	6.6	1.5%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>			<b>450.0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Description

Farmland classification identifies map units as prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, farmland of local importance, or unique farmland. It identifies the location and extent of the soils that are best suited to food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops. NRCS policy and procedures on prime and unique farmlands are published in the "Federal Register," Vol. 43, No. 21, January 31, 1978.

## Rating Options

*Aggregation Method:* No Aggregation Necessary

Aggregation is the process by which a set of component attribute values is reduced to a single value that represents the map unit as a whole.

A map unit is typically composed of one or more "components". A component is either some type of soil or some nonsoil entity, e.g., rock outcrop. For the attribute being aggregated, the first step of the aggregation process is to derive one attribute value for each of a map unit's components. From this set of component attributes, the next step of the aggregation process derives a single value that represents the map unit as a whole. Once a single value for each map unit is derived, a thematic map for soil map units can be rendered. Aggregation must be done because, on any soil map, map units are delineated but components are not.

For each of a map unit's components, a corresponding percent composition is recorded. A percent composition of 60 indicates that the corresponding component typically makes up approximately 60% of the map unit. Percent composition is a critical factor in some, but not all, aggregation methods.

The majority of soil attributes are associated with a component of a map unit, and such an attribute has to be aggregated to the map unit level before a thematic map can be rendered. Map units, however, also have their own attributes. An attribute of a map unit does not have to be aggregated in order to render a corresponding thematic map. Therefore, the "aggregation method" for any attribute of a map unit is referred to as "No Aggregation Necessary".

*Tie-break Rule:* Lower

The tie-break rule indicates which value should be selected from a set of multiple candidate values, or which value should be selected in the event of a percent composition tie.

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING**

<b>PART I</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request				
Name of Project		Federal Agency Involved				
Proposed Land Use		County and State				
<b>PART II</b> (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS		Person Completing Form:		
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size	
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres:                      %		Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres:                      %			
Name of Land Evaluation System Used	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System		Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS			
<b>PART III</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating				
		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D	
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly						
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly						
C. Total Acres In Site						
<b>PART IV</b> (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information						
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland						
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland						
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted						
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value						
<b>PART V</b> (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)						
<b>PART VI</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)		Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
1. Area In Non-urban Use		(15)				
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use		(10)				
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		(20)				
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government		(20)				
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area		(15)				
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		(15)				
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		(10)				
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland		(10)				
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		(5)				
10. On-Farm Investments		(20)				
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		(10)				
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		(10)				
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160				
<b>PART VII</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)						
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100				
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)		160				
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>		260				
Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason For Selection:						
Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:						
Date:						

(See Instructions on reverse side)

Form AD-1006 (03-02)

## **STEPS IN THE PROCESSING THE FARMLAND AND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FORM**

- Step 1 - Federal agencies (or Federally funded projects) involved in proposed projects that may convert farmland, as defined in the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) to nonagricultural uses, will initially complete Parts I and III of the form. For Corridor type projects, the Federal agency shall use form NRCS-CPA-106 in place of form AD-1006. The Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) process may also be accessed by visiting the FPPA website, <http://fppa.nrcs.usda.gov/lesa/>.
- Step 2 - Originator (Federal Agency) will send one original copy of the form together with appropriate scaled maps indicating location(s) of project site(s), to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) local Field Office or USDA Service Center and retain a copy for their files. (NRCS has offices in most counties in the U.S. The USDA Office Information Locator may be found at [http://offices.usda.gov/scripts/ndISAPI.dll/oip\\_public/USA\\_map](http://offices.usda.gov/scripts/ndISAPI.dll/oip_public/USA_map), or the offices can usually be found in the Phone Book under U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture. A list of field offices is available from the NRCS State Conservationist and State Office in each State.)
- Step 3 - NRCS will, within 10 working days after receipt of the completed form, make a determination as to whether the site(s) of the proposed project contains prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland. (When a site visit or land evaluation system design is needed, NRCS will respond within 30 working days.
- Step 4 - For sites where farmland covered by the FPPA will be converted by the proposed project, NRCS will complete Parts II, IV and V of the form.
- Step 5 - NRCS will return the original copy of the form to the Federal agency involved in the project, and retain a file copy for NRCS records.
- Step 6 - The Federal agency involved in the proposed project will complete Parts VI and VII of the form and return the form with the final selected site to the servicing NRCS office.
- Step 7 - The Federal agency providing financial or technical assistance to the proposed project will make a determination as to whether the proposed conversion is consistent with the FPPA.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FORM**

*(For Federal Agency)*

**Part I:** When completing the "County and State" questions, list all the local governments that are responsible for local land use controls where site(s) are to be evaluated.

**Part III:** When completing item B (Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly), include the following:

1. Acres not being directly converted but that would no longer be capable of being farmed after the conversion, because the conversion would restrict access to them or other major change in the ability to use the land for agriculture.
2. Acres planned to receive services from an infrastructure project as indicated in the project justification (e.g. highways, utilities planned build out capacity) that will cause a direct conversion.

**Part VI:** Do not complete Part VI using the standard format if a State or Local site assessment is used. With local and NRCS assistance, use the local Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA).

1. Assign the maximum points for each site assessment criterion as shown in § 658.5(b) of CFR. In cases of corridor-type project such as transportation, power line and flood control, criteria #5 and #6 will not apply and will, be weighted zero, however, criterion #8 will be weighed a maximum of 25 points and criterion #11 a maximum of 25 points.
2. Federal agencies may assign relative weights among the 12 site assessment criteria other than those shown on the FPPA rule after submitting individual agency FPPA policy for review and comment to NRCS. In all cases where other weights are assigned, relative adjustments must be made to maintain the maximum total points at 160. For project sites where the total points equal or exceed 160, consider alternative actions, as appropriate, that could reduce adverse impacts (e.g. Alternative Sites, Modifications or Mitigation).

**Part VII:** In computing the "Total Site Assessment Points" where a State or local site assessment is used and the total maximum number of points is other than 160, convert the site assessment points to a base of 160.

Example: if the Site Assessment maximum is 200 points, and the alternative Site "A" is rated 180 points:

$\frac{\text{Total points assigned Site A}}{\text{Maximum points possible}} = \frac{180}{200} \times 160 = 144 \text{ points for Site A}$
---

For assistance in completing this form or FPPA process, contact the local NRCS Field Office or USDA Service Center.

NRCS employees, consult the FPPA Manual and/or policy for additional instructions to complete the AD-1006 form.

**This page left intentionally blank.**



# MEMO

March 7, 2014

**To:** Mario R. Jorge, P.E.  
Attention: Jonathan Bean, P.E.

**From:** William E. Knowles, P.E.

**Subject:** Traffic Data  
CSJ: 0253-04-138  
US 281:  
From Loop 1604  
To Borgfeld

Bexar County

Attached are copies of schematics depicting 2018, 2038 and 2048 anticipated average daily traffic volumes and turning movements along US 281 for both existing and proposed conditions. Also attached are tabulations showing traffic analysis for highway design for the 2018 to 2038 twenty year period and 2018 to 2048 thirty year period for the described limits of the route. Included are tabulations showing data for use in air and noise analysis.

This data supersedes the information from the project provided to your office on January 31, 2014.

Due to significant differences in traffic volumes this project was separated into three sections.

- Section 1: From Loop 1604 to Evans Road
- Section 2: From Evans Road to Bulverde Road
- Section 3: From Bulverde Road to Borgfeld Drive

Please refer to your original memorandum dated December 16, 2013. Revised schematics were received on January 9<sup>th</sup>, January 13<sup>th</sup>, and February 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 and are considered in this analysis. Only Free Flow traffic volumes are provided.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Robert Williams at (512) 486-5145.

Attachments

**CC:** Melissa Bernal, San Antonio District  
Design Division



# TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOR HIGHWAY DESIGN

San Antonio District

March 7, 2014

Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 20 Year Period (2018 to 2038)									
Description of Location	Average Daily Traffic			Dir Dist %	Base Year			ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD
	2018		2038		K Factor	Percent Trucks			
	2018	2038	ADT			DHV			
US 281 (Existing Lane Configuration) Section 1									
From Loop 1604 To Evans Rd. Bexar County	137,100	213,500	53 - 47		8.2	2.9	1.7	12,400	20
								12,400	20
								12,805,000	3
								12,805,000	3
								15,727,000	8"
								16,104,000	13"
Data for Use in Air & Noise Analysis									
Vehicle Class	Base Year								
	% of ADT		% of DHV						
	97.1		98.3						
	1.8		1.1						
Light Duty	1.1		0.6						
Medium Duty									
Heavy Duty									
Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 30 Year Period (2018 to 2048)									
Description of Location	Average Daily Traffic			Dir Dist %	Base Year			ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD
	2018		2048		K Factor	Percent Trucks			
	2018	2048	ADT			DHV			
US 281 (Existing Lane Configuration) Section 1									
From Loop 1604 To Evans Rd. Bexar County	137,100	235,500	53 - 47		8.2	2.9	1.7	12,500	20
								12,500	20
								20,413,000	3
								20,413,000	3
								25,071,000	8"
								25,672,000	13"

NOT TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
 BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
 William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
 Serial Number 34704

# TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOR HIGHWAY DESIGN

San Antonio District

March 7, 2014

Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 20 Year Period (2018 to 2038)																							
Description of Location	Base Year					Dir Dist %	K Factor	Percent Trucks		ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	Flexible Pavement	S N	Rigid Pavement	SLAB								
	Average Daily Traffic		2018	2038				ADT	DHV														
US 281 (Existing Lane Configuration) Section 2																							
From Evans Rd. To Bulverde Rd. Bexar County	81,400	126,200	53 - 47			8.2	3.9	2.3	12,200	30	10,116,000	3	12,470,000	8"									
									12,200	30	10,116,000	3	12,770,000	13"									
Data for Use in Air & Noise Analysis																							
Vehicle Class	Base Year																						
	% of ADT		% of DHV																				
	96.1		97.7																				
	2.4		1.4																				
	1.5		0.9																				
Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 30 Year Period (2018 to 2048)																							
Description of Location	Base Year					Dir Dist %	K Factor	Percent Trucks		ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	Flexible Pavement	S N	Rigid Pavement	SLAB								
	Average Daily Traffic		2018	2048				ADT	DHV														
US 281 (Existing Lane Configuration) Section 2																							
From Evans Rd. To Bulverde Rd. Bexar County	81,400	139,900	53 - 47			8.2	3.9	2.3	12,300	30	16,175,000	3	19,940,000	8"									
									12,300	30	16,175,000	3	20,420,000	13"									

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION

PIDDINGOR PERMIT PURPOSES

William Erick Knowles, P.E.

Serial Number 84704

# TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOR HIGHWAY DESIGN

San Antonio District

March 7, 2014

Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 20 Year Period (2018 to 2038)												
Description of Location	Base Year				Dir Dist %	ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	Flexible Pavement	S N	Rigid Pavement	SLAB	
	Average Daily Traffic		K Factor	Percent Trucks								
	2018	2038		ADT								DHV
US 281 (Existing Lane Configuration) Section 3												
From Bulverde Rd. To Borgfeld Dr. Bexar County	47,800	74,100	53 - 47	8.2	4.3	2.6	30	6,535,000	3	8,063,000	8"	
							30	6,535,000	3	8,258,000	13"	
Data for Use in Air & Noise Analysis												
Vehicle Class	Base Year											
	% of ADT		% of DHV									
	95.7		97.4									
	2.6		1.6									
Light Duty	1.7		1.0									
Medium Duty												
Heavy Duty												
Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 30 Year Period (2018 to 2048)												
Description of Location	Base Year				Dir Dist %	ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	Flexible Pavement	S N	Rigid Pavement	SLAB	
	Average Daily Traffic		K Factor	Percent Trucks								
	2018	2048		ADT								DHV
US 281 (Existing Lane Configuration) Section 3												
From Bulverde Rd. To Borgfeld Dr. Bexar County	47,800	82,600	53 - 47	8.2	4.3	2.6	30	10,486,000	3	12,939,000	8"	
							30	10,486,000	3	13,251,000	13"	

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION

DIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES

William Erick Knowles, P.E.

Serial Number 34704

# TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOR HIGHWAY DESIGN

San Antonio District

March 7, 2014

Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 20 Year Period (2018 to 2038)												
Description of Location	Base Year				ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	Flexible Pavement	S N	Rigid Pavement	SLAB		
	Average Daily Traffic		Dir Dist %	K Factor							Percent Trucks	
	2018	2038									ADT	DHV
US 281 (Proposed Lane Configuration) Section 1												
From Loop 1604 To Evans Rd. Bexar County	137,100	213,500	53 - 47	8.2	12,400	20	12,805,000	3	15,727,000	8"		
					12,400	20	12,805,000	3	16,104,000	13"		
Data for Use in Air & Noise Analysis												
Vehicle Class	Base Year			% of DHV								
	% of ADT											
Light Duty	97.1		98.3									
Medium Duty	1.8		1.1									
Heavy Duty	1.1		0.6									
Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 30 Year Period (2018 to 2048)												
Description of Location	Base Year				ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	Flexible Pavement	S N	Rigid Pavement	SLAB		
	Average Daily Traffic		Dir Dist %	K Factor							Percent Trucks	
	2018	2048									ADT	DHV
US 281 (Proposed Lane Configuration) Section 1												
From Loop 1604 To Evans Rd. Bexar County	137,100	235,500	53 - 47	8.2	12,500	20	20,413,000	3	25,071,000	8"		
					12,500	20	20,413,000	3	25,672,000	13"		

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 34704

# TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOR HIGHWAY DESIGN

San Antonio District

March 7, 2014

Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 20 Year Period (2018 to 2038)										
Description of Location	Average Daily Traffic		Dir Dist %	K Factor	Base Year		ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	SLAB	
	2018	2038			Percent Trucks	ADT				DHV
US 281 (Proposed Lane Configuration) Section 2										
From Evans Rd. To Bulverde Rd. Bexar County	97,100	151,300	53 - 47	8.2	3.5	2.1	12,300	30	8"	
							12,300	30	13"	
		</								

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION

BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES

William Erick Knowles, P.E.

Serial Number 3476

## San Antonio District

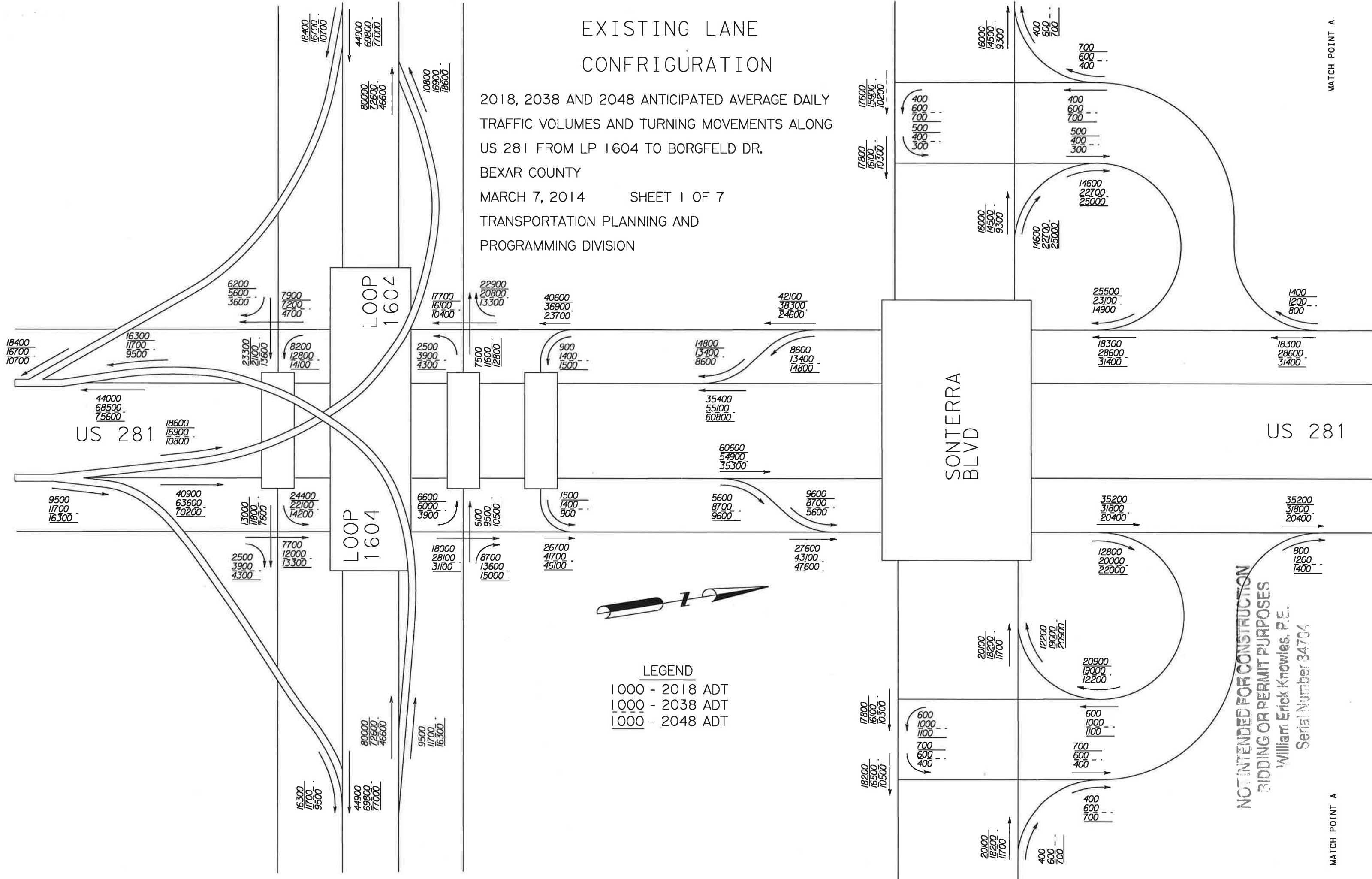
**Total Number of Equivalent 18k  
Single Axle Load Applications  
One Direction Expected for a  
20 Year Period  
(2018 to 2038)**

Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 20 Year Period (2018 to 2038)												
Description of Location	Base Year				Dir Dist %	ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	SLAB				
	Average Daily Traffic		K Factor	Percent Trucks				Flexible Pavement	S N	Rigid Pavement	SLAB	
	2018	2038										
US 281 (Proposed Lane Configuration) Section 3												
From Bulverde Rd. To Borgfeld Dr. Bexar County	52,400	82,000	53 - 47	8.2			30	7,368,000	3	9,094,000	8"	
							30	7,368,000	3	9,314,000	13"	
Data for Use in Air & Noise Analysis												
Vehicle Class	Base Year				% of DHV							
	% of ADT											
	95.6		97.4									
	2.7		1.6									
Light Duty	1.7		1.0									
Medium Duty												
Heavy Duty												
Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 30 Year Period (2018 to 2048)												
Description of Location	Base Year				Dir Dist %	ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	SLAB				
	Average Daily Traffic		K Factor	Percent Trucks				Flexible Pavement	S N	Rigid Pavement	SLAB	
	2018	2048										
US 281 (Proposed Lane Configuration) Section 3												
From Bulverde Rd. To Borgfeld Dr. Bexar County	52,400	90,400	53 - 47	8.2			30	11,743,000	3	14,494,000	8"	
							30	11,743,000	3	14,844,000	13"	

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 84704

EXISTING LANE  
CONFRIGURATION

2018, 2038 AND 2048 ANTICIPATED AVERAGE DAILY  
TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TURNING MOVEMENTS ALONG  
US 281 FROM LP 1604 TO BORGFELD DR.  
BEXAR COUNTY  
MARCH 7, 2014 SHEET 1 OF 7  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND  
PROGRAMMING DIVISION



LEGEND  
1000 - 2018 ADT  
1000 - 2038 ADT  
1000 - 2048 ADT

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 34704

# EXISTING LANE CONFRIGURATION

2018, 2038 AND 2048 ANTICIPATED AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TURNING

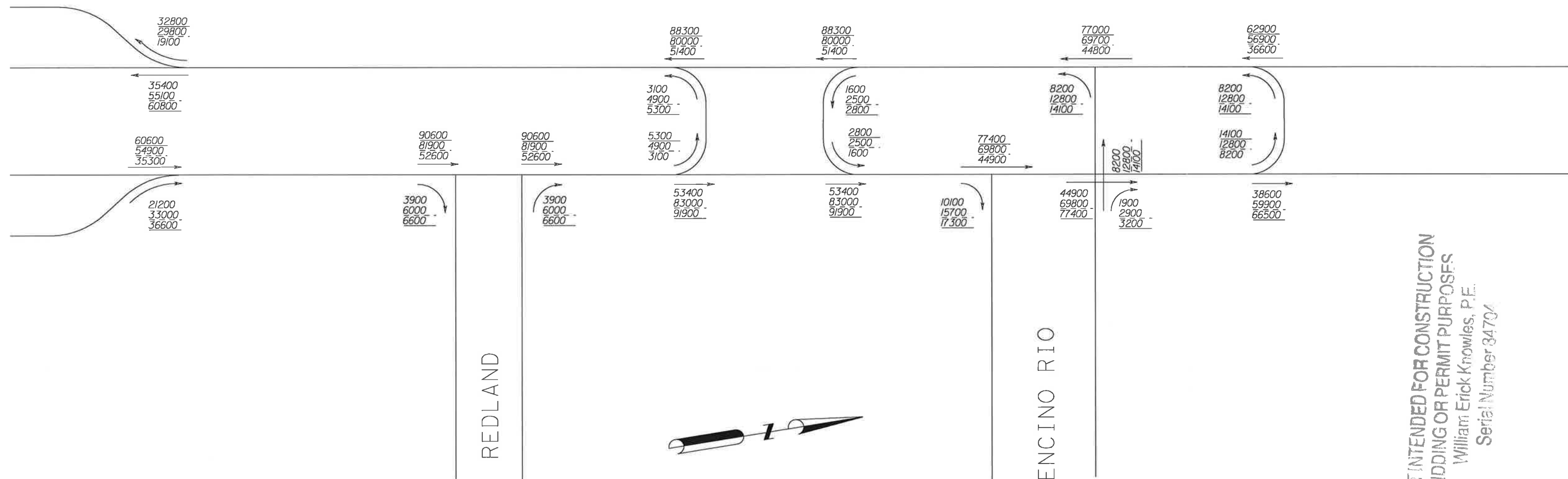
MOVEMENTS ALONG US 281 FROM LP 1604 TO BORGFELD DR.

BEXAR COUNTY

MARCH 7, 2014

SHEET 2 OF 7

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION



- LEGEND
- 1000 - 2018 ADT
  - 1000 - 2038 ADT
  - 1000 - 2048 ADT

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 34704



MATCH POINT B

MATCH POINT B

EVANS

EVANS

# EXISTING LANE CONFRIGURATION

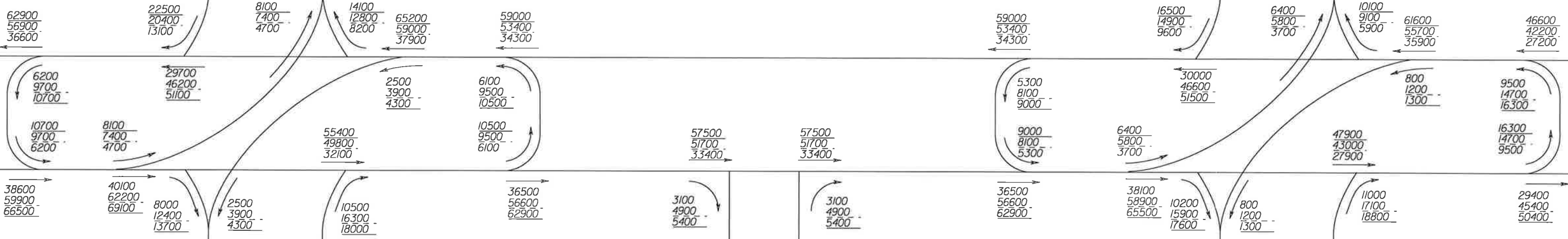
2018, 2038 AND 2048 ANTICIPATED AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TURNING  
MOVEMENTS ALONG US 281 FROM LP 1604 TO BORGFELD DR. BEXAR COUNTY  
MARCH 7, 2014 SHEET 3 OF 7  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION

STONE OAK PKWY

TCP PKWY

MATCH POINT C

MATCH POINT C



LEGEND  
1000 - 2018 ADT  
1000 - 2038 ADT  
1000 - 2048 ADT

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 34704

MATCH POINT C

MATCH POINT C

N. NORTHWIND DR.

TIPS JEWELS LN

OAKLAND BEND

MOUNTAIN LODGE

MARSHALL

SENDERO VERDE



LEGEND

- 1000 - 2018 ADT
- 1000 - 2038 ADT
- 1000 - 2048 ADT

EXISTING LANE CONFRIGURATION

2018, 2038 AND 2048 ANTICIPATED AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TURNING MOVEMENTS ALONG US 281 FROM LP 1604 TO BORGFELD DR.

BEXAR COUNTY

MARCH 7, 2014 SHEET 4 OF 7

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES

William Erick Knowles, P.E.

Serial Number 84704

MATCH POINT D

MATCH POINT D

MATCH POINT D

MATCH POINT D

MATCH POINT E

MATCH POINT E

WILDERNESS OAKS

OVERLOOK PKWY

ESTATE GATE DR.

WR LARSON



LEGEND

- 1000 - 2018 ADT
- 1000 - 2038 ADT
- 1000 - 2048 ADT

EXISTING LANE CONFRIGURATION

2018, 2038 AND 2048 ANTICIPATED AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TURNING  
MOVEMENTS ALONG US 281 FROM LP 1604 TO BORGFELD DR. BEXAR COUNTY  
MARCH 7, 2014 SHEET 5 OF 7  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 34704

BULVERDE

BULVERDE

TRINITY PARK



LEGEND

1000 - 2018 ADT  
1000 - 2038 ADT  
1000 - 2048 ADT

BORGFELD

EXISTING LANE CONFRIGURATION

2018, 2038 AND 2048 ANTICIPATED AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TURNING  
MOVEMENTS ALONG US 281 FROM LP 1604 TO BORGFELD DR.

MARCH 7, 2014 SHEET 6 OF 7

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION

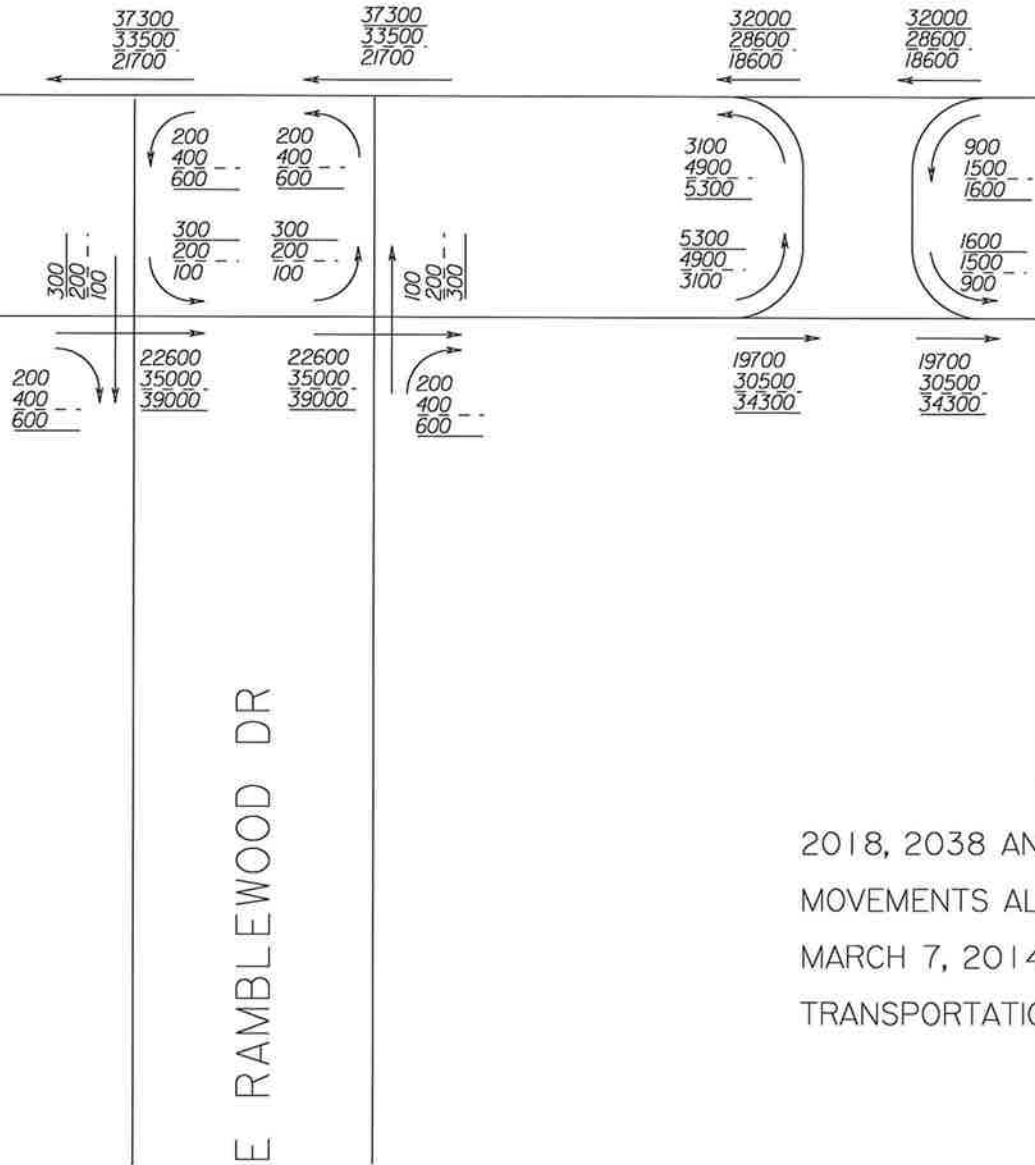
BEXAR COUNTY

INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 34704



LEGEND

1000 - 2018 ADT  
1000 - 2038 ADT  
1000 - 2048 ADT



EXISTING LANE CONFRIGURATION

2018, 2038 AND 2048 ANTICIPATED AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TURNING  
MOVEMENTS ALONG US 281 FROM LP 1604 TO BORGFELD DR.

BEXAR COUNTY

MARCH 7, 2014 SHEET 7 OF 7

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION

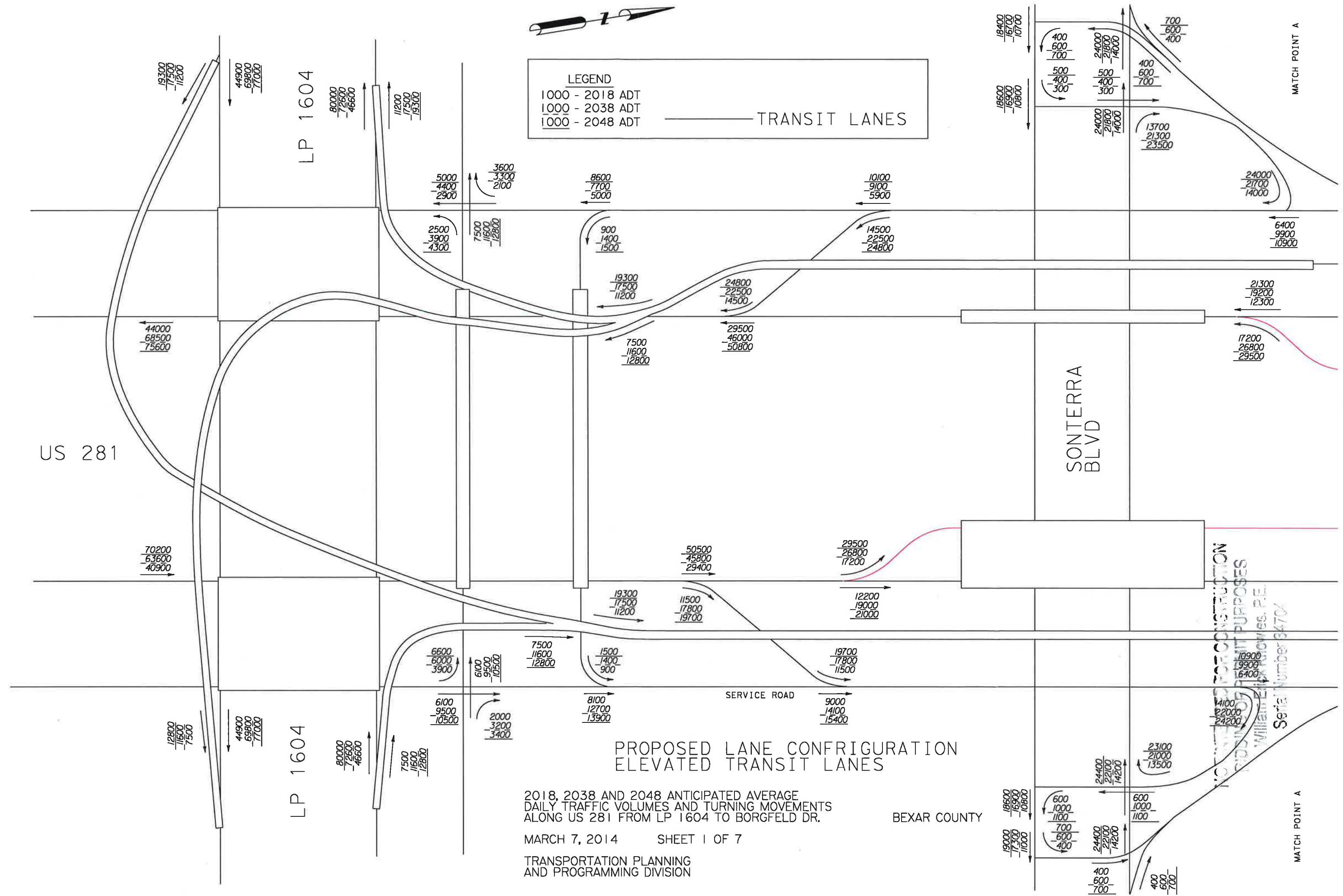
NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 34704



LEGEND

1000 - 2018 ADT  
1000 - 2038 ADT  
1000 - 2048 ADT

— TRANSIT LANES



PROPOSED LANE CONFRIGURATION  
ELEVATED TRANSIT LANES

2018, 2038 AND 2048 ANTICIPATED AVERAGE  
DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TURNING MOVEMENTS  
ALONG US 281 FROM LP 1604 TO BORGFELD DR.

MARCH 7, 2014 SHEET 1 OF 7

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION

BEXAR COUNTY

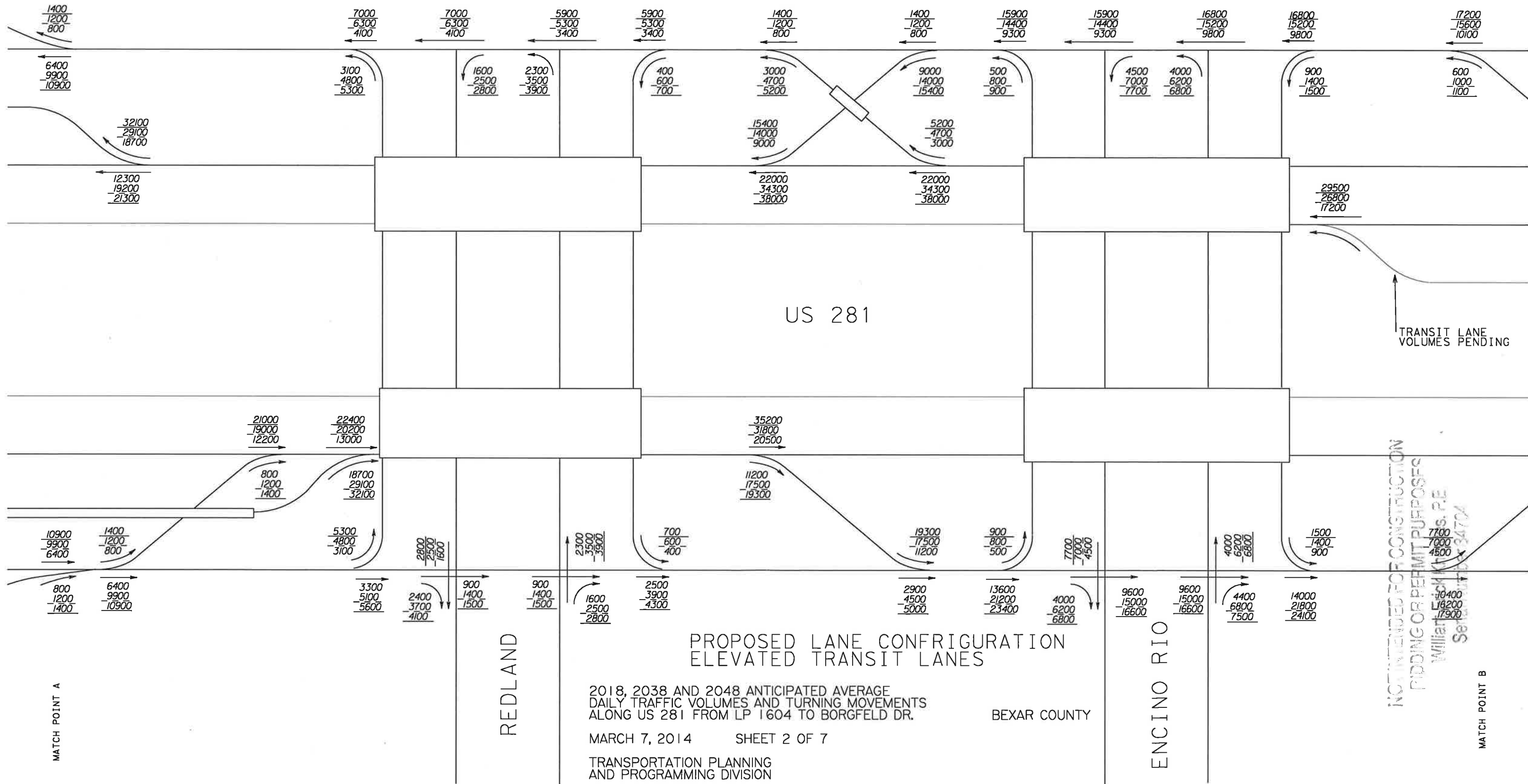
FOR CONSTRUCTION  
PROVIDED FOR  
WILLIAM E. BARNES, P.E.  
Serial Number 34704



LEGEND

1000 - 2018 ADT  
1000 - 2038 ADT  
1000 - 2048 ADT

TRANSIT LANES



MATCH POINT A

MATCH POINT A

MATCH POINT B

MATCH POINT B

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
PIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William S. P.E.  
Seal No. 34704

MATCH POINT B

MATCH POINT B

EVANS

EVANS



LEGEND

1000 - 2018 ADT

1000 - 2038 ADT

1000 - 2048 ADT

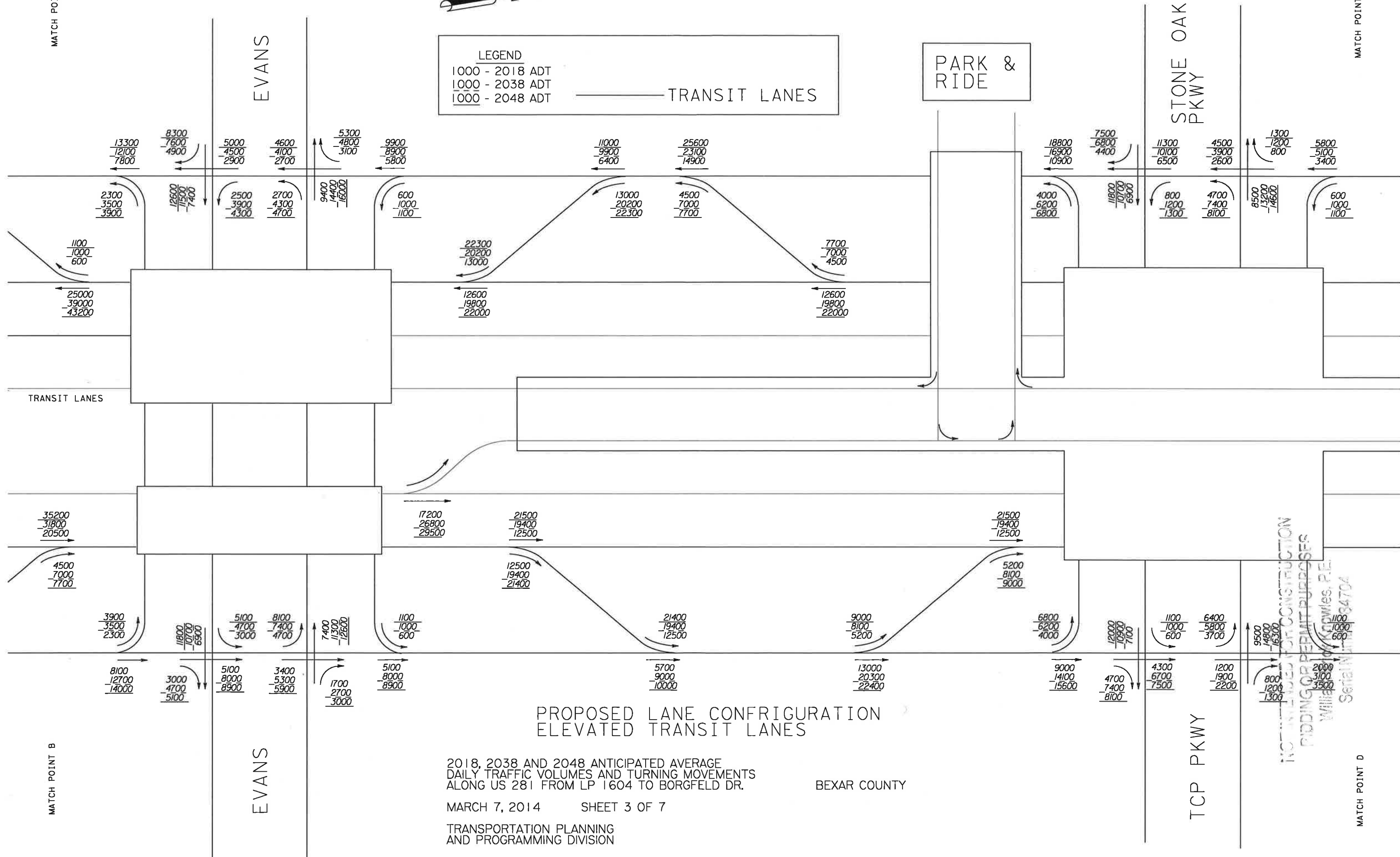
———— TRANSIT LANES

PARK &  
RIDE

STONE OAK  
PKWY

MATCH POINT C

MATCH POINT D





MATCH POINT C



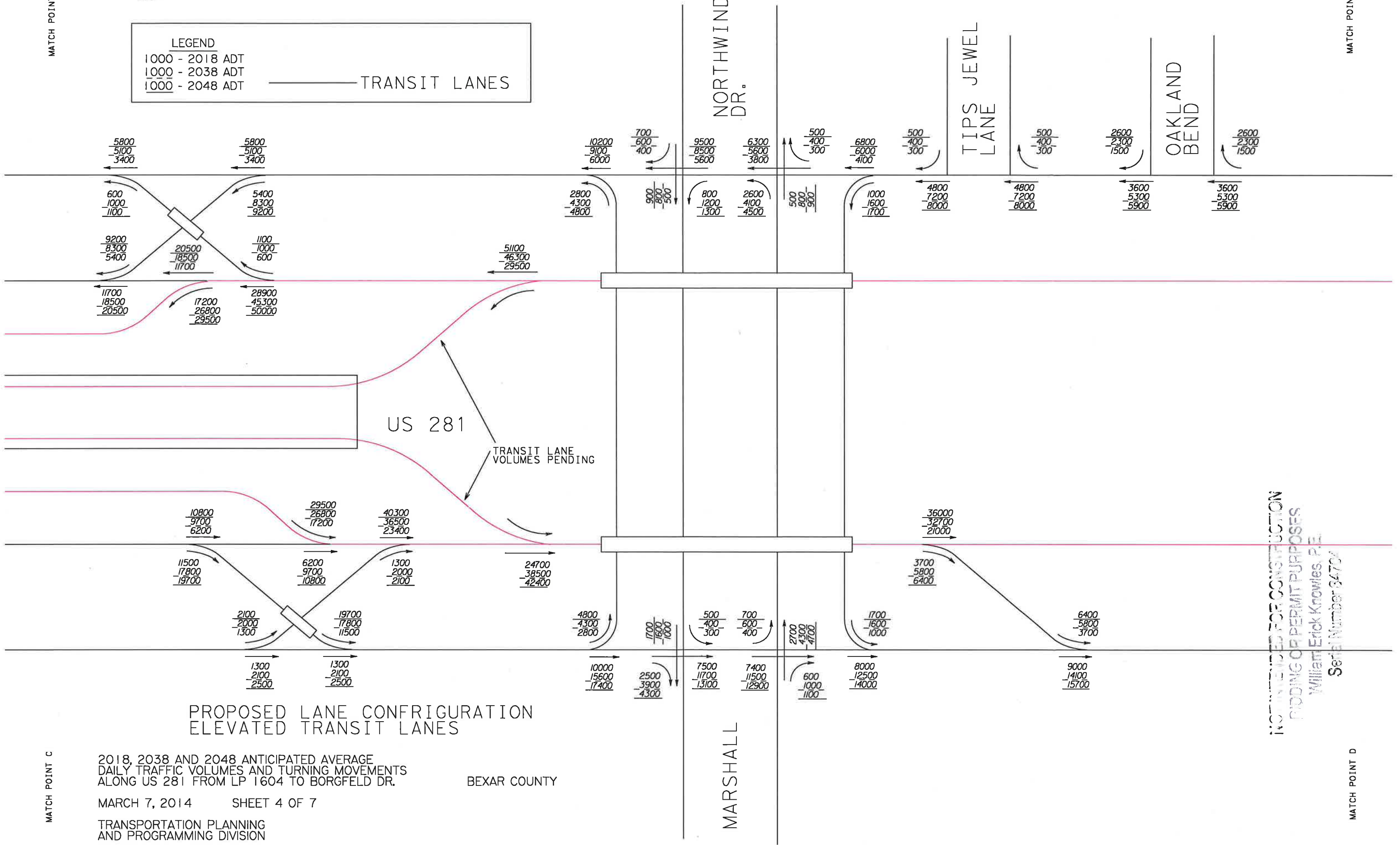
LEGEND

1000 - 2018 ADT

1000 - 2038 ADT

1000 - 2048 ADT

————— TRANSIT LANES



MATCH POINT C

MATCH POINT D

MATCH POINT D

NOT TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Series Number 94704

MATCH POINT D

MOUNTAIN LODGE

WILDER-  
NESS  
OAKS

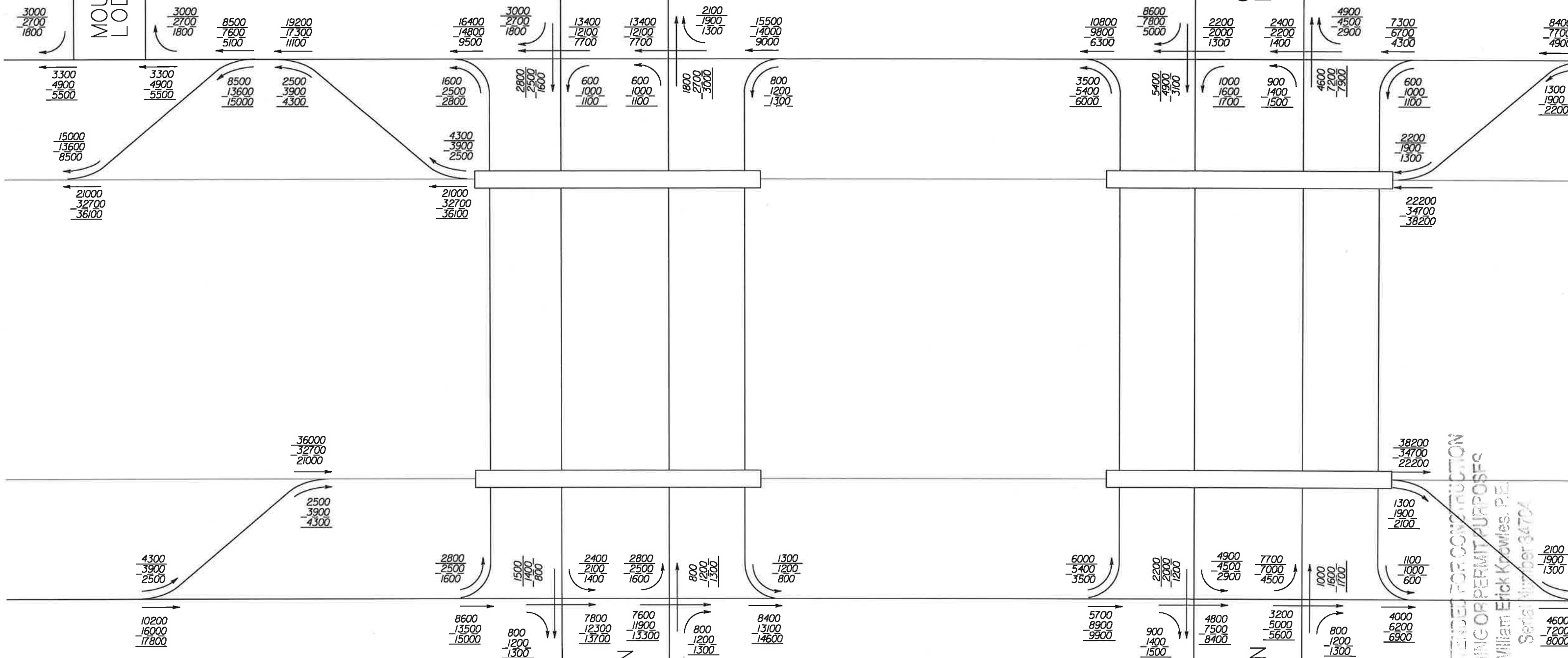
LEGEND

- 1000 - 2018 ADT
- 1000 - 2038 ADT
- 1000 - 2048 ADT

TRANSIT LANES

OVERLOOK  
PKWY

MATCH POINT E



MATCH POINT D

EUTURE  
EXTENSION

PROPOSED LANE CONFRIGURATION  
ELEVATED TRANSIT LANES

2018, 2038 AND 2048 ANTICIPATED AVERAGE  
DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TURNING MOVEMENTS  
ALONG US 281 FROM LP 1604 TO BORGFELD DR.

MARCH 7, 2014 SHEET 5 OF 7

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION

BEXAR COUNTY

EUTURE  
EXTENSION

NOT A MODEL FOR CONSTRUCTION  
PROVIDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Krowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 34704

MATCH POINT E

MATCH POINT E

# PROPOSED LANE CONFRIGURATION ELEVATED TRANSIT LANES

2018, 2038 AND 2048 ANTICIPATED  
AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES  
AND TURNING MOVEMENTS ALONG  
US 281 FROM LP 1604  
TO BORGFELD DR.  
BEXAR COUNTY  
MARCH 7, 2014 SHEET 6 OF 7  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION



LEGEND

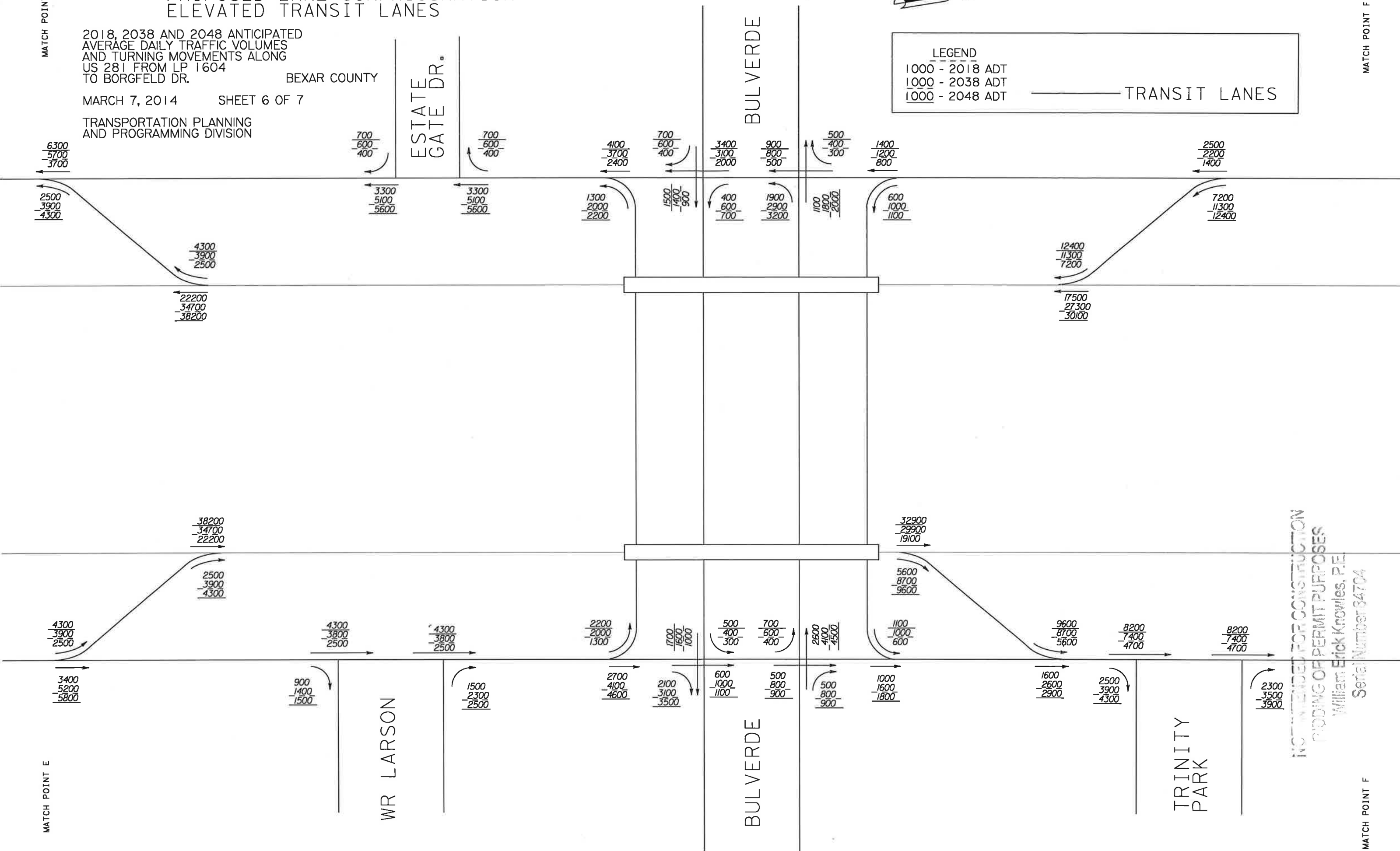
1000 - 2018 ADT

1000 - 2038 ADT

1000 - 2048 ADT

————— TRANSIT LANES

MATCH POINT F



MATCH POINT E

MATCH POINT F

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 84704

MATCH POINT F

MATCH POINT F



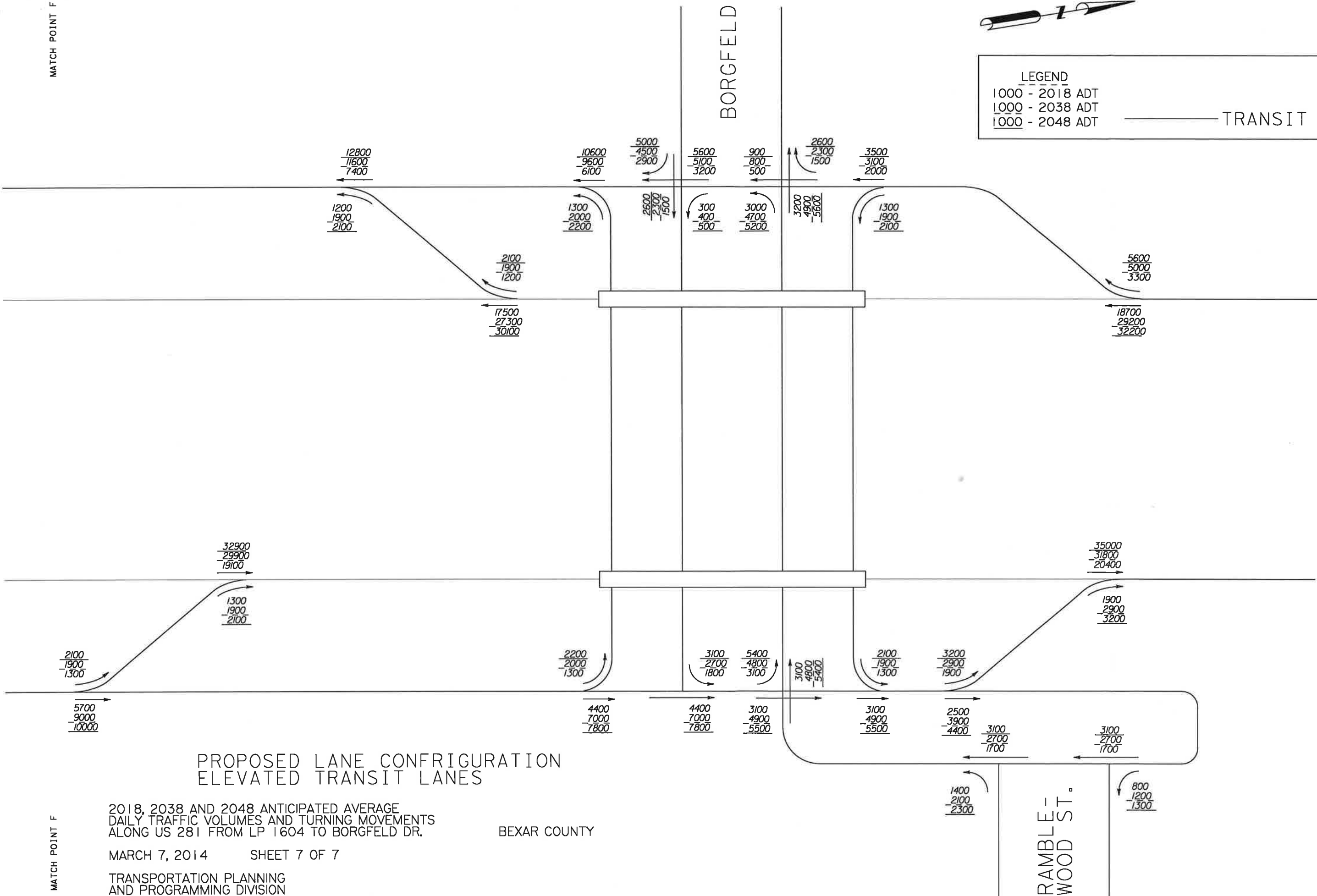
LEGEND

1000 - 2018 ADT

1000 - 2038 ADT

1000 - 2048 ADT

————— TRANSIT LANES



PROPOSED LANE CONFRIGURATION  
ELEVATED TRANSIT LANES

2018, 2038 AND 2048 ANTICIPATED AVERAGE  
DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TURNING MOVEMENTS  
ALONG US 281 FROM LP 1604 TO BORGFELD DR.

BEXAR COUNTY

MARCH 7, 2014      SHEET 7 OF 7

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION

NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
BIDDING OR PERMIT PURPOSES  
William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 94707

**This page left intentionally blank.**

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
101 South Main Street  
Temple, Texas 76501-7602  
Telephone: 254-742-9800 Fax: 254-742-9819

---

March 11, 2014

Jacobs Environmental  
2705 Bee Cave Road  
Suite 300  
Austin, Texas 78746

Attention: Jennifer Zankowski

Subject: LNU-Farmland Protection  
Proposed U.S. 281 Roadway Expansion  
Bexar County, Texas

We have reviewed the information provided in your correspondence dated March 5, 2014 concerning the proposed roadway expansion in Bexar County, Texas. This review is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). We have evaluated the proposed site as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The proposed project is considered to be "prior converted" and is exempt. The Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (Form AD-1006) indicating the exemption is enclosed. We encourage the use of accepted erosion control methods during the construction of this project.

If you have any questions, please contact the State Soil Scientist at (254) 742-9863, Fax (254) 742-9859.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Drew Kinney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Drew Kinney  
NRCS GIS Specialist

Attachment

*Helping People Help the Land*

An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer



**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING**

<b>PART I</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request <b>March 5, 2014</b>				
Name of Project <b>US 281 EIS</b>		Federal Agency Involved <b>FHWA</b>				
Proposed Land Use <b>Roadway and ROW</b>		County and State <b>Bexar County, Texas</b>				
<b>PART II</b> (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS <b>3-5-14</b>		Person Completing Form: <b>Drew Kinney</b>		
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Acres Irrigated _____ Average Farm Size _____		
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: _____ %	Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: _____ %				
Name of Land Evaluation System Used	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS <b>3-11-14</b>				
<b>PART III</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating				
		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D	
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		<b>450</b>				
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly		<b>0</b>				
C. Total Acres In Site		<b>450</b>				
<b>PART IV</b> (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information						
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland						
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland						
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted						
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value						
<b>PART V</b> (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)						
<b>PART VI</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)		Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
1. Area In Non-urban Use		(15)				
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use		(10)				
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		(20)				
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government		(20)				
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area		(15)				
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		(15)				
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		(10)				
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland		(10)				
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		(5)				
10. On-Farm Investments		(20)				
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		(10)				
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		(10)				
<b>TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>		<b>160</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PART VII</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)						
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	0	0	0	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)		160	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>		<b>260</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Site Selected:		Date Of Selection		Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
Reason For Selection:						
Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:						
Date:						

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service

101 S. Main Street  
Temple, TX 76501-6624  
Phone: 254-742-9960  
FAX: 254-742-9859

For Informational Purposes

To Whom It May Concern:

The official source for current soil survey information is Web Soil Survey at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>. Enclosed is a pamphlet about the website.

Farmland Classification maps can be obtained by following the steps below:

Delineate your area of interest (AOI) and create an AOI, or create an AOI from a zipped shape file. Go to the Soil Data Explorer tab, then the Suitability's and Limitations for Use tab, and then under the Land Classifications list of reports, run the Farmland Classification report. Print or save the report to a file, or add it to the shopping cart and produce a Custom Soil Resource Report to submit to us electronically, or print it out for mailing.

NRCS Farmland Policy Protection Act Form AD-1006 or NRCS-CPA-106 can be obtained at the following URL's respectively:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/pdf/ad1006.pdf>

[http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045395.pdf](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045395.pdf)

NRCS Conservation Easements for Texas can be obtained at the following URL to determine if your project overlaps with any conservation easements:

<http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/easements.html>

NRCS Conservation Easements by state can be obtained at the following

URL: <http://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov/GDGOrder.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact the Texas State Soil Scientist at (254) 742-9863.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
101 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
TEMPLE, TEXAS 76501-7602

OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300

AUSTIN  
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER  
13 MAR '14  
PM 3 L

RECEIVED

MAR 17 2014

JACOBS, AUSTIN

Jacobs Environmental  
Attn: Jennifer Zankowski  
2705 Bee Cave Road  
Suite 300  
Austin, TX 78746

\$0.48  
US POSTAGE  
FIRST-CLASS  
062S0008220700  
76501

516026142



April 8, 2014

Mr. Phil Wilson  
Executive Director  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 East 11th Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Mr. Ron Curry  
EPA Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Mr. Robert Tally  
Texas Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
300 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 826  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear :

On July 24, 2013 the Town of Hollywood Park hosted a joint Coordination Meeting between the Town of Hollywood Park, the City of Hill Country Village, and the North Central Alamo Area Sub Regional Planning Commission (NCAASRPC) and numerous agencies (present and via telephone) involved in the transportation projects being considered in the vicinity of US 281 North and Texas Hwy Loop 1604, particularly the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) effort. During the Coordination Meeting numerous issues and questions were raised for follow-up information and or answers were promised to the Town of Hollywood Park, City of Hill Country Village, and NCAASRPC by the agencies participating in the meeting.

A subsequent letter on July 31, 2013 provided attendees with a reminder of the questions raised. To date, neither Hollywood Park, Hill Country Village, nor the NCAASRPC have received responses addressing the issues.

It is our understanding that the agencies must reply to issues raised in the coordination meeting within 30 days of that meeting. The lack of responses to questions from the coordination meeting and ARMA's miscategorization of the July 24, 2013 meeting is of concern. We expect that responses will be provided well before the DEIS is submitted for approval.

The Town of Hollywood Park again requests continued coordination meetings between representatives of Hollywood Park, the EPA, FHWA and TxDOT, at a minimum, so that we can work to prevent negative impact to our city from various projects. Please initiate a coordination meeting within the next 30 days. Also, please provide answers to the questions and issues raised in the Coordination meeting of July 24, 2013. Preferred meeting times would be at 5:00, 6:00, or 7:00 pm to allow participation from the citizens of Hollywood Park and others that are interested. We look forward to hearing from you by close of business April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,

Mayor David Ortega

Copy to:

Mr. John Camp, Chairman, ARMA  
Mayor Gabriel Durand-Hollis, City of Hill Country Village  
Mr. Bob Sartor, President, NCAASRPC  
Congressman Lamar Smith, US Congressional District 21  
Senator John Cornyn  
Senator Ted Cruz  
Representative Lyle Larson, State Congressional District 122  
Senator Donna Campbell, State Senate District 25

RESOLUTION NO. 319

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS, REMINDING FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES OR ENTITIES TO COORDINATE WITH HOLLYWOOD PARK REGARDING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND EFFORTS IN AND AROUND HOLLYWOOD PARK; TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE NONTOLLING FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN AND AROUND HOLLYWOOD PARK; AND TO UPDATE THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK.**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Hollywood Park is a "bedroom" community of some 3,300 residents, bordered by two major business thoroughfares, in the north central metropolitan area of San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS,** substantial growth in the north central metropolitan area of San Antonio has occurred and will continue to occur, resulting in the need for additional roads and highways adjacent and near to Hollywood Park; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Hollywood Park desires to continually update its Transportation Policy which represents its constituent's positions on transportation matters that directly or indirectly affect the city, its businesses, and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the Texas Department of Transportation and Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization are planning the construction of toll roads adjacent or near to Hollywood Park which may require citizens of Hollywood Park to pay tolls; and

**WHEREAS,** such tolls would create a financial burden on the citizens of Hollywood Park greater than the financial burden on the public at large due to the need of Hollywood Park citizens to utilize Loop 1604 and U.S. 281 for ingress and egress from Hollywood Park; and

**WHEREAS,** when tolls are imposed on nearby highways it can cause drivers to seek to avoid paying tolls and find alternative routes, and this will inevitably result in cut-through traffic into the Town of Hollywood Park; and

**WHEREAS,** "non-compete" or "adverse event" provisions are usually contained in toll contracts and financing arrangements that potentially impact the future expansion of public roads surrounding the toll lanes, which could hamper the Town of Hollywood Park residents from having adequate future road capacity in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS, THAT:**

The City Council of the Town of Hollywood Park, Texas continues to expect that Federal, State, and local agencies and entities, shall coordinate with the Town of Hollywood Park regarding any and all transportation related projects and efforts

in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws. And to provide adequate non-toll funding to complete needed highway improvements to the surrounding transportation infrastructure, to include Loop 1604 and US 281, maintaining current capabilities as well as predicted growth and capacity increases.

**THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS, THAT:**

The Transportation Policy of the Town of Hollywood Park is updated as follows:

Tolls would create an increased financial burden on the citizens and businesses of Hollywood Park greater than the financial burden on the public at large due to the need of Hollywood Park citizens and businesses to utilize surrounding transportation infrastructure such as Loop 1604 and US 281 for ingress and egress from Hollywood Park. When Tolls are imposed on nearby highways, it will cause drivers to seek to avoid paying the tolls and find alternative routes, and this will inevitably result in artificially increased traffic into Hollywood Park. The increased traffic will require additional police assets, increased and accelerated road wear and damage which will cost the taxpayers of Hollywood Park increased expenditures, and create increased safety concerns for our residents and businesses. The ability of Hollywood Park's Emergency responders to perform their duties will be hampered by the increased congestion both within the city and on the tolled/managed/ HOV lanes. Hollywood Park students are serviced by NEISD transportation assets for at least 3 different schools all of which are located outside the city limits. Drive times and transportation costs will be affected by the toll roads and the congestion caused by tolling. Non- Compete and adverse event provisions in the transportation road contracts have a direct impact on the Town of Hollywood Park's ability to improve our streets as needed and prohibits the surrounding roads from being improved. Increased and diverted traffic will affect our street traffic and increase our road maintenance cost.

Federal, State, and local agencies or entities must coordinate to resolve conflicts or mitigate impacts on the Town of Hollywood Park, its citizens, or businesses. Coordination must include analysis, study, and discussion of any and all supporting data and information to include traffic and revenue data, before decisions are made. Actions by these external entities that require coordination and conflict resolution or mitigation include but are not limited to:

1. Action(s) that will impose tolls on our citizens or businesses to use the transportation infrastructure in and around the city to include the main highways of Loop 1604 and US 281. Tolling shall only be accepted by vote of the citizens. Any ballot initiative must include but is not limited to restrictions placed on the type of tolling, specifying a cap on toll rates, specifying what types of contracts are permissible; specifying how tolls will be collected, and HOV provisions that specify no more than 2 occupants to qualify.
2. Action(s) that will result in increased traffic or congestion in and around the city affecting police, EMS, fire, and school transportation such as reduced or congested access, increased costs, increased traffic speed of traffic to reach destinations, and or diverted traffic into Hollywood Park; and
3. Action(s) that will increase the response time for our emergency vehicles, Fire, Police and EMS, to residents and businesses, to the hospital facilities, or in

support of mutual aid partners; and

4. Action(s) that will increase transportation times to transport children to and from schools, including NEISD transportation assets; and

5. Action(s) that provide for "Non-compete" or "adverse event" provisions, restricting the improvement of Hollywood Park transportation infrastructure or roads or the transportation infrastructure surrounding Hollywood Park. These actions in effect impose a form of zoning onto the city by another agency or entity of government that does not have that authority.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN  
OF HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS, ON THE 18th DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID ORTEGA, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JANICE ALAMIA, City Secretary

**This page left intentionally blank.**



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

Texas Division

April 24, 2014

300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Rm 826  
Austin, TX 78701  
(Tel) 512-536-5900  
(Fax) 512-536-5990  
[www.fhwa.dot.gov/txdiv](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/txdiv)

In Reply Refer To:  
HA-TX

The Honorable David Ortega  
Mayor, Town of Hollywood Park  
No. 2 Mecca Drive at San Pedro  
Hollywood Park, Texas 78232-2298

Dear Mayor Ortega:

Thank you for your letter of April 8, 2014. We received it on April 14, so please accept my apologies for not being able to respond by your requested deadline of April 11. We needed time to review the letter and coordinate with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA).

Your letter referred to a July 24, 2013, meeting that representatives of TxDOT, Alamo RMA, consultant, and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) had with the Town of Hollywood Park, City of Hill Country Village, and the North Central Alamo Area Sub Regional Planning Commission (NCAASRPC) regarding transportation projects in the vicinity of US 281 and Loop 1604, and specifically the US 281 project, which is in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) stage. You indicated that this was a Coordination Meeting to discuss numerous issues and questions.

Our understanding was that the meeting was for informational purposes regarding the proposed US 281 project. We are not familiar with any requirement to formally respond to questions from these informational meetings within 30 days. However, we certainly understand your need to have your questions answered. The EIS process allows input from the public be addressed as part of the Final EIS documentation. Questions raised at the July 24, 2013, meeting, as well as other questions that have been gathered during the public input process, will be addressed in the Final EIS documents.

In addition, you reference a July 31, 2013, letter that was provided to attendees of the July 24 meeting with a reminder of the questions that were raised at the meeting. Responses to that letter have not been received and your expectation was that the responses would be provided before the Draft EIS is submitted to FHWA for approval. The letter of July 31, 2013, was not sent to my office; therefore, we had no letter to which we would respond.

The Alamo RMA has announced that there will be an Open House on May 8, 2014, to present a draft preferred alternative for US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Drive. While no presentation will be given, representatives from TxDOT, the Alamo RMA, and the US 281 EIS Team will be



present to answer individual questions. In addition, written and verbal comments are being requested at this open house. We invite you to attend this open house and to ask staff representatives any remaining questions you may have. Written comments can also be submitted electronically at the US 281 project website at <http://www.411on281.com/>. Comments received will be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Thank you for your continued interest and participation in the US 281 EIS process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Achille Alonzi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Achille Alonzi  
Acting Division Administrator

cc: Mr. John Clamp, Chairman, Alamo RMA  
Mayor Gabriel Durand-Hollis, City of Hill Country Village  
Mr. Bob Sartor, President, NCAASRPC  
Congressman Lamar Smith, US Congressional District 21  
Senator John Cornyn  
Senator Ted Cruz  
Representative Lyle Larson, State Congressional District 122  
Senator Donna Campbell, State Senate District 25  
Mr. Carlos Swonke, Director, TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division  
Mr. Mario Jorge, P.E., District Engineer, TxDOT San Antonio District



# Town of Hollywood Park

INCORPORATED 1955

NO. 2 MECCA DRIVE AT SAN PEDRO • HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS 78232-2298  
TEL (210) 494-2023 • FAX (210) 494-7859

May 7, 2014

Mr. Ron Curry  
EPA Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr. Curry:

The Town of Hollywood Park ("HP") received a letter dated April 24, 2014 from the Acting Texas Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The letter expects our city to address conflicts and adverse impacts from the US 281 toll project at an Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA) Open House on the draft Preferred Alternative May 8. We do not believe this expectation fulfills the legal obligation to coordinate with our city regarding the US 281 and Loop 1604 toll projects. To date, neither the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) nor Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has responded to our letter of April 8, 2014, regarding the legal obligation to coordinate with the Town of Hollywood Park. We requested a coordination meeting within thirty (30) days of the date of the letter, which has now passed.

EPA and its agents FHWA, TxDOT, and the ARMA have failed to comply with federal and state laws that require coordination before decisions are made and prior to any adverse action to HP. We can ill afford to be stalled in our efforts to coordinate with EPA and the other agencies involved.

The FHWA's letter of April 24, 2014 is a refusal to meet with us in a requested coordination meeting. The refusal constitutes a continued violation of 42 USC 4321, 43 USC 1712, NEPA, and other applicable federal laws. It also violates Chapter 391 of the Texas Local Government Code. FHWA's assertion that the meeting of July 24, 2013 was merely "informational" is wholly incorrect. The legal requirement of coordination has not been fulfilled and cannot take place through informational briefings. HP has made repeated attempts to coordinate with EPA, FHWA, TxDOT, and the ARMA, recorded in letters dated February 26, 2013 and May 17, 2013, as well as in other correspondence. However, we have not requested meetings for "informational purposes".

Hollywood Park is a political subdivision of the state to which an obligation is owed to coordinate in ways that do apply to the general public. A political subdivision does not attend open houses to have questions answered off the record by agency staff and PR consultants. The FHWA, EPA, TxDOT, and ARMA have an obligation under federal and state laws to coordinate and ensure that their actions do not conflict with Hollywood Park's local plans or adversely impact our city.

Since coordination is legally required before decisions are made and final action is taken, the agencies are premature in choosing the Preferred Alternative. Again, we request that the ARMA and TxDOT delay the submission of the draft Preferred Alternative and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to the EPA until they have complied with the coordination mandate with Hollywood Park and other political subdivisions affected by the project. Any further delay in setting coordination meetings with Hollywood Park and its Sub Regional Planning Commission (NCAASRPC) will force the city to take legal action.

Attached is HP Resolution # 313 and Resolution # 319, which last updated the Transportation Policy of the Town of Hollywood Park. The resolutions identify conflicts and adverse impacts of the US 281 & Loop 1604 toll projects to our city, as well as some of the specific areas we expect coordination to take place. Absent your earnest cooperation, the Town of Hollywood Park will be forced to pursue the next step of its legal rights. Please provide a meeting date that will occur prior to May 30, 2014. The meeting date should provide for the coordination meeting and any necessary follow up meetings to formally answer questions and resolve conflicts before submission of the DEIS.

Any delays associated with the transportation projects at US 281 North and Loop 1604 will be due to the failure of respective agencies to comply with applicable federal and state laws. This letter and other related material will be used to demonstrate the delay of the EPA, FHWA, TxDOT, and the ARMA.

Please notify us immediately if your agency is available May 22, 2014 for the next coordination meeting.

Sincerely,

  
David Ortega  
Mayor

Enclosures:

- a) HP Resolution # 313, dtd January 15, 2013
- b) HP Resolution # 319 dtd March 18, 2014

References:

- a) HP Mayor Perry ltr, dtd Feb 26, 2013
- b) EPA ltr, dtd March 29, 2013
- c) FHWA ltr, dtd April 3, 2013
- d) HP Mayor Perry ltr, dtd May 17, 2013
- e) Coordination Meeting of July 24, 2013
- f) HP Mayor Ortega ltr, dtd April 8, 2014
- g) FHWA, TX Division reply ltr, dtd April 24, 2014

Copy to:

Mr. Achille Alonzi, Acting Texas Division Administrator, FHWA  
Mr. Joe Weber, Executive Director, TxDOT  
Mr. Carlos Swonke, Director, TxDOT, Environmental Affairs Division  
Mr. Mario Jorge, P.E., District Engineer, TxDOT, San Antonio District  
Mr. John Camp, Chairman, ARMA  
Mr. David Smith, Executive Director, ARMA  
Mayor Gabriel Durand-Hollis, City of Hill Country Village  
Mr. Bob Sartor, President, NCAASRPC  
Congressman Lamar Smith, US Congressional District 21  
Senator John Cornyn  
Senator Ted Cruz  
Representative Lyle Larson, State Congressional District 122  
Senator Donna Campbell, State Senate District 25

RESOLUTION NO. 313

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS, IMPLORING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND BEXAR COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS ADJACENT TO THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK WHICH WILL ENABLE THE CITIZENS OF HOLLYWOOD PARK ACCESS TO ADJACENT HIGHWAYS WITHOUT THE IMPOSITION OF TOLLS FOR SUCH ACCESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hollywood Park is a "bedroom" community of some 3,300 residents, bordered by two major business thoroughfares, in the north central metropolitan area of San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, substantial growth in the north central metropolitan area of San Antonio has occurred and will continue to occur, resulting in the need for additional roads and highways adjacent and near to Hollywood Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation and Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization are planning the construction of toll roads adjacent or near to Hollywood Park which may require citizens of Hollywood Park to pay tolls; and

**WHEREAS**, such tolls would create a financial burden on the citizens of Hollywood Park greater than the financial burden on the public at large due to the need of Hollywood Park citizens to utilize Loop 1604 and U.S. 281 for ingress and egress from Hollywood Park; and

**WHEREAS**, when tolls are imposed on nearby highways it can cause drivers to seek to avoid paying tolls and find alternative routes, and this will inevitably result in cut-through traffic into the Town of Hollywood Park; and

**WHEREAS**, "non-compete" or "adverse event" provisions are usually contained in toll contracts and financing arrangements that potentially impact the future expansion of public roads surrounding the toll lanes, which could hamper the Town of Hollywood Park residents from having adequate future road capacity in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS, THAT:**

The City Council of the Town of Hollywood Park, Texas expects the Texas Department of Transportation to coordinate with the Town of Hollywood Park regarding the impacts of the Loop 1604 and US 281 toll projects on our community and implores the Texas Department of Transportation and Bexar County-San Antonio Metropolitan Planning Organization to provide adequate non-toll funding to complete needed highway improvements to Loop 1604 and US 281.



**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS, ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MARK PERRY, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JANICE ALAMIA, City Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 319

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS, REMINDING FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES OR ENTITIES TO COORDINATE WITH HOLLYWOOD PARK REGARDING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND EFFORTS IN AND AROUND HOLLYWOOD PARK; TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE NONTOLLING FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN AND AROUND HOLLYWOOD PARK; AND TO UPDATE THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hollywood Park is a "bedroom" community of some 3,300 residents, bordered by two major business thoroughfares, in the north central metropolitan area of San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, substantial growth in the north central metropolitan area of San Antonio has occurred and will continue to occur, resulting in the need for additional roads and highways adjacent and near to Hollywood Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hollywood Park desires to continually update its Transportation Policy which represents its constituent's positions on transportation matters that directly or indirectly affect the city, its businesses, and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation and Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization are planning the construction of toll roads adjacent or near to Hollywood Park which may require citizens of Hollywood Park to pay tolls; and

**WHEREAS**, such tolls would create a financial burden on the citizens of Hollywood Park greater than the financial burden on the public at large due to the need of Hollywood Park citizens to utilize Loop 1604 and U.S. 281 for ingress and egress from Hollywood Park; and

**WHEREAS**, when tolls are imposed on nearby highways it can cause drivers to seek to avoid paying tolls and find alternative routes, and this will inevitably result in cut-through traffic into the Town of Hollywood Park; and

**WHEREAS**, "non-compete" or "adverse event" provisions are usually contained in toll contracts and financing arrangements that potentially impact the future expansion of public roads surrounding the toll lanes, which could hamper the Town of Hollywood Park residents from having adequate future road capacity in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS, THAT:**

The City Council of the Town of Hollywood Park, Texas continues to expect that Federal, State, and local agencies and entities, shall coordinate with the Town of Hollywood Park regarding any and all transportation related projects and efforts

in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws. And to provide adequate non-toll funding to complete needed highway improvements to the surrounding transportation infrastructure, to include Loop 1604 and US 281, maintaining current capabilities as well as predicted growth and capacity increases.

**THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS, THAT:**

The Transportation Policy of the Town of Hollywood Park is updated as follows:

Tolls would create an increased financial burden on the citizens and businesses of Hollywood Park greater than the financial burden on the public at large due to the need of Hollywood Park citizens and businesses to utilize surrounding transportation infrastructure such as Loop 1604 and US 281 for ingress and egress from Hollywood Park. When Tolls are imposed on nearby highways, it will cause drivers to seek to avoid paying the tolls and find alternative routes, and this will inevitably result in artificially increased traffic into Hollywood Park. The increased traffic will require additional police assets, increased and accelerated road wear and damage which will cost the taxpayers of Hollywood Park increased expenditures, and create increased safety concerns for our residents and businesses. The ability of Hollywood Park's Emergency responders to perform their duties will be hampered by the increased congestion both within the city and on the tolled/managed/ HOV lanes. Hollywood Park students are serviced by NEISD transportation assets for at least 3 different schools all of which are located outside the city limits. Drive times and transportation costs will be affected by the toll roads and the congestion caused by tolling. Non- Compete and adverse event provisions in the transportation road contracts have a direct impact on the Town of Hollywood Park's ability to improve our streets as needed and prohibits the surrounding roads from being improved. Increased and diverted traffic will affect our street traffic and increase our road maintenance cost.

Federal, State, and local agencies or entities must coordinate to resolve conflicts or mitigate impacts on the Town of Hollywood Park, its citizens, or businesses. Coordination must include analysis, study, and discussion of any and all supporting data and information to include traffic and revenue data, before decisions are made. Actions by these external entities that require coordination and conflict resolution or mitigation include but are not limited to:

1. Action(s) that will impose tolls on our citizens or businesses to use the transportation infrastructure in and around the city to include the main highways of Loop 1604 and US 281. Tolling shall only be accepted by vote of the citizens. Any ballot initiative must include but is not limited to restrictions placed on the type of tolling, specifying a cap on toll rates, specifying what types of contracts are permissible; specifying how tolls will be collected, and HOV provisions that specify no more than 2 occupants to qualify.
2. Action(s) that will result in increased traffic or congestion in and around the city affecting police, EMS, fire, and school transportation such as reduced or congested access, increased costs, increased traffic speed of traffic to reach destinations, and or diverted traffic into Hollywood Park; and
3. Action(s) that will increase the response time for our emergency vehicles, Fire, Police and EMS, to residents and businesses, to the hospital facilities, or in



support of mutual aid partners; and

4. Action(s) that will increase transportation times to transport children to and from schools, including NEISD transportation assets; and

5. Action(s) that provide for "Non-compete" or "adverse event" provisions, restricting the improvement of Hollywood Park transportation infrastructure or roads or the transportation infrastructure surrounding Hollywood Park. These actions in effect impose a form of zoning onto the city by another agency or entity of government that does not have that authority.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN  
OF HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS, ON THE 18th DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID ORTEGA, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JANICE ALAMILLO, City Secretary



# Town of Hollywood Park

NO. 2 MECCA DRIVE AT SAN PEDRO  
HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS 78232-2298

MAY 12 2014  
SAN ANTONIO, TX  
PITNEY BOWES

Mr. David Smith, Executive Dir.  
ARMA c/o Bexar Cnty Public Wrks  
233 N. Pecos La Trinidad #420  
San Antonio, TX 78207



7820733168 0013

**This page left intentionally blank.**



**Texas Department of Transportation**®

DEWITT C. GREER STATE HIGHWAY BLDG. • 125 E. 11TH STREET • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701-2483 • (512) 463-8585

June 11, 2014

Final Environmental Impact Statement  
Bexar County, Texas  
CSJ: 0253-04-138

United States Highway (US) 281 Corridor Project  
US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Drive Project

Mr. Achille Alonzi  
Acting Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration – Texas Division  
300 East 8th Street, Suite 826  
Austin, Texas 78701

ATTN: Mr. Justin Ham

Attached is the original signed reevaluation consultation checklist (RCC) with the Texas Department of Transportation delegate recommendation. This should supplement the previous RCC packet delivered on Monday, June 9, 2014. Please feel free to give me a call with any questions at (512) 416-2514.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Chavez  
Project Delivery Manager  
Environmental Affairs Division

RECEIVED ON  
JUN 12 2014  
TEXAS DIVISION  
FHWA

OUR GOALS

MAINTAIN A SAFE SYSTEM • ADDRESS CONGESTION • CONNECT TEXAS COMMUNITIES • BEST IN CLASS STATE AGENCY

*An Equal Opportunity Employer*

**This page left intentionally blank.**



125 EAST 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET | AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701-2483 | (512) 463-8588 | WWW.TXDOT.GOV

June 9, 2014

Final Environmental Impact Statement  
Bexar County, Texas  
CSJ: 0253-04-138

United States Highway (US) 281 Corridor Project  
US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Drive Project

Mr. Achille Alonzi  
Acting Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration - Texas Division  
300 East 8th Street, Suite 826  
Austin, Texas 78701

RECEIVED ON  
JUN 09 2014  
TEXAS DIVISION  
FHWA

ATTN: Mr. Justin Ham

This letter serves as request by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Alamo Regional Mobile Authority (RMA) for concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to identify the preferred alternative for the US 281 Corridor project.

#### **Background**

The US 281 Corridor Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) presented two build alternatives, an expressway (at-grade) and an elevated expressway, with three operational configurations: all lanes non-tolled, all lanes tolled, and all lanes managed. As a result of the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) updating the Regional Transportation Plan Mobility 2035 on April 22, 2013, a fourth operational configuration was disclosed at the Public Hearing held on June 20, 2013 that consisted of a combination of non-tolled and managed lanes. Comments received were reviewed by TxDOT and RMA, resulting in the refined version of the Expressway Alternative (expressway with the combination operational configuration) being identified as the draft preferred alternative. This draft preferred alternative is included and consistent with the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide TIP (STIP). On May 8, 2014, Public Meeting #4 was held to disclose and solicit public input on a draft preferred alternative.

In discussions with staff from the FHWA - Texas Division, it was decided that a re-evaluation of the Expressway Alternative with the combination operation configuration would be conducted to confirm that the changes in the operational configuration do not have a significantly different effect on impacts than what was presented in the Draft EIS and would not change the recommendation of the draft preferred alternative.

#### **Findings**

The findings of the re-evaluation (attached) confirm that no substantial changes to any resources/issues analyzed in the Draft EIS would result from the change in the operational configuration. Further, all impacts are within the range of impacts disclosed in the DEIS.

#### **OUR GOALS**

MAINTAIN A SAFE SYSTEM ▪ ADDRESS CONGESTION ▪ CONNECT TEXAS COMMUNITIES ▪ BEST IN CLASS STATE AGENCY  
*An Equal Opportunity Employer*

The draft preferred alternative (Expressway Alternative with combination operational configuration) best meets the purpose and need of the project in the following areas:

**Mobility**

- Accommodates more vehicles per day
- Provides higher peak hour speeds

**Accessibility**

- Provides more ramps between non-toll and managed expressway lanes
- Provides better connection to transit facility

**Safety**

- Provide one-way non-tolled lanes throughout

**Community Quality of Life**

- Less noise impacts
- Less visual impacts

**Conclusion**

Based on the findings discussed above, TxDOT and the RMA request FHWA concurrence that the Expressway Alternative (the updated AAMPO's funding arrangement consisting of a combination of non-tolled and managed lanes) be identified as the preferred alternative to be carried forward in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the US 281 Corridor Project.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Chavez, ENV Project Manager, at (512) 416-2514.

Sincerely,



Carlos Swonke  
Director, Environmental Affairs Division  
Environmental Affairs Division



Renee D. Green, P.E.  
Director of Engineering and Operations  
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Attachment

CC: Alamo RMA  
850 file



# Reevaluation Consultation Checklist (RCC)

**Original NEPA Approval Date:** Release of DEIS – April 6, 2013  
**Proposed Letting Date:** 2015/2016  
**Reevaluation Date:** 6/9/2014  
**Project Number:** FHWA-TX-EIS-11-02-D  
**District Contact:** Michael Chavez  
**FHWA Reviewer:** Justin Ham

**Project Name:** US 281 EIS

**Project Limits:** Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road

**Control Section Job Number (CSJ):** 0253-04-138, 0253-04-146

**District/County Name:** Bexar County

**Project Description:** From Loop 1604 to Stone Oak Parkway, expand to 6 lane expressway (4 non-toll lanes & 2 managed lanes) & non-toll northern interchange connectors at Loop 1604. Stone Oak Parkway to Borgfeld Drive, expand to 6 managed lanes.

**Approximate Percentage of PS&E Completed:** N/A %

**Approximate Percentage of Right-of-Way Acquired:** N/A %

**Project Phasing Plan and Portions Completed (if warranted):** N/A

**Portion of Project Currently Being Advanced:** Final EIS

**Date(s) of Prior Reevaluations or Continuous Activity:** Draft EIS released April 2013

## I. Project Funding

- ☒ Federal
- ☒ State
- ☒ Local

## II. Environmental Classification

- ☐ Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE)
- ☐ Categorical Exclusion (CE)
- ☐ Environmental Assessment (EA)
- ☒ Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- ☐ Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
- ☐ Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)







### III. Project Information

#### Proposed Action

- ☒ Y ☐ N Have changes occurred to the project design since the original approval or subsequent reevaluations?

If Yes, describe: The operational configuration has been finalized/modified since the DEIS

If "No" is selected, the remainder of this section III is deemed "Not Applicable" (N/A).

#### Purpose and Need

- ☐ Y ☒ N Has there been a change in the project purpose and need from what was described in the approved environmental document?

If Yes, an RCC cannot be processed. Seek ENV and/or FHWA direction immediately.

#### Project Limits

- ☐ Y ☒ N Has there been a change to the project limits from what was described in the approved environmental document?

If yes, describe:

Note: Only transitions for construction purposes or a reduction in the limits are permitted for the RCC to be processed.

#### Right of Way

- ☒ Y ☐ N Have the ROW requirements changed?

If yes:

Amount of ROW originally required: 126 acres

Additional ROW required 0 acres

Total ROW required: 78 acres

Describe: No ROW changes due to the current combination operational configuration. A design refinement of the Expressway Alternative, identified as the preferred alternative, requires approximately 48 acres less than described for the Expressway Alternative identified in the DEIS.



## Reevaluation Consultation Checklist

---

### Easements

☐ Y ☒ N Would additional easements be required?

If Yes, describe:

---

### Displacements

☐ Y ☒ N Will changes, if any, result in residential or business displacements?

If Yes, describe:

Displacements originally required:

Additional Displacements:

---

### Access

☐ Y ☒ N Will changes, if any, result in a change of access to any residences or businesses?

If Yes, describe:

---

### Traffic

☐ Y ☒ N Have there been substantial changes to the projected ADT from what was described in the approved environmental document?

If Yes, describe: See attached.

---

### Census Data

☐ Y ☒ N Will design change(s), if any, result in a disproportionate impact to low income or minority populations?

If Yes, describe: See attached.

---

### Laws and Regulations

☐ Y ☒ N Have there been any changes to laws or regulations that would result in the need for any updated analyses?

If Yes, describe:

---





## Reevaluation Consultation Checklist

### MTP/TIP Consistency

☐ Y ☒ N Is the project located outside the MPO area?

☒ Y ☐ N Is the project listed in the current MTP and TIP?

If Yes, what is the ETC? 2018

Total Project Cost: \$521,513,685 YOE

☐ Y ☒ N Is the project located in a non-attainment area?

☐ Y ☒ N Would any changes to the project\* result in an inconsistency with the fiscally constrained MTP and TIP?

If Yes, describe the  
next steps required:

*\*Note: Estimated Time of Completion (ETC) is the fiscally constrained MTP/LRTP ultimate proposed project versus an interim, intermediate and/or phase of an ultimate proposed project.*

☐ Y ☒ N Will a revised conformity determination\*\* be required?

If Yes, describe the  
next steps required:

*\*\*Note: Shifts (earlier or later vs. within) in AQ analysis years can cause revisions to conformity.*

### Other

☐ Y ☐ N



## IV. Recommended Action

### A. No Additional Documentation Required

- ☐ The described environmental decision has been evaluated, and it has been determined that:
- No substantial changes have occurred to the social, economic, or environmental effects of the proposed action that would significantly impact the quality of the human environment.
  - No changes to laws, regulations, design, environmental setting, impacts or mitigation have occurred since the approval.
  - No changes to the right-of-way requirements or substantial changes in land use have occurred since the approval.

Therefore, the original environmental decision remains valid. No additional documentation is required, and this serves as documentation of continuous activity for the project. It is recommended that the project be advanced to the next phase of project development.

Project Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Option A is selected above, it is not necessary to complete the remainder of this checklist.**

### B. Additional Documentation Required

- ☐ Changes in laws, regulations, design, right-of-way requirements, environmental setting, impacts or mitigation have occurred since the approval. Additional information is required. (Proceed to Sections V-XII.)
- ☐ Greater than three years have elapsed since the last major project action for an EIS. Additional information is required. (Proceed to sections V-XI.)
- ☒ Other: The Draft EIS evaluated the Expressway and Elevated Expressway build alternatives under three (3) funding scenarios, non-toll, toll, and managed for the entire length of approximately 8 miles (Loop 1604 DC were considered non-toll for all scenarios). This reevaluation is being conducted as a result of a revised operational configuration (Alamo Area MPO funding plan), which calls for a combination of non-toll and managed lanes.



## V. Environmental Setting and Affected Environment

Indicate changes in impacts from the original approval to the human, socio-economic or natural environment as a result of any changes to laws, regulations, design or environmental setting of the proposed project.

NA should only be selected if a resource was not addressed in the original environmental documentation.

YES	NO	NA	Resource/Setting	If yes, please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Relocations/Displacements	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Justice	See attached additional documentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Socio-economics	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farmlands	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Threatened/Endangered Species	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Quality	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wetlands/Waters of the U.S. (including any changes in permitting)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floodplains	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air Quality	See attached additional documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise Impacts	See attached additional documentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hazardous Materials	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Archeological Resources	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Resources	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 4(f)/6(f)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visual Resources/Aesthetics	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indirect and Cumulative Impacts	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Others	Transportation Facility (travel forecast) – See attached additional documentation



## Reevaluation Consultation Checklist

### VI. Resource Agency Coordination

Describe additional resource agency coordination required. Copies of coordination must be submitted along with this checklist.

N/A	Agency	Previous Coordination Completed	Additional Initiated	Additional Completed
	Texas Historical Commission			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Archeology	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic Structures	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Coast Guard	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>	<a href="#">Click to add date</a>

### VI. Additional Studies

If applicable, describe any additional environmental studies that were conducted.

N/A Describe additional Environmental Studies:

- ☒ An assessment is attached of whether or not the Alamo Area MPO's current operational configuration (the Alamo Area MPO funding plan) would alter the determination of potential impacts presented in the Draft EIS.

### VII. EPICs

Indicate the status of required permits and describe any changes in permitting or permit requirements.

- ☐ All mitigation commitments from the original approval remain the same.

Describe:

- ☐ Mitigation commitments have changed since the approval.

Describe:



## Reevaluation Consultation Checklist

- ☐ There are additional commitments.

Describe:

---

### VIII. Public Involvement

Attach summary or required documentation to the checklist.

YES NO

- ☒ ☐ Is additional public involvement required? Date Completed:

If yes, indicate type:

☐ MAPO

☒ Public Meeting

May 8, 2014

☐ Public Notice

- ☐ ☒ Will a Public Hearing or Public Hearing Opportunity be required?

- ☒ ☐ Have all TAC requirements for public involvement been met?

---

### IX. Attachments

List any studies, permits, coordination, etc., that is attached to this checklist.

N/A List all attachments below

- ☐ Funding Considerations in the US 281 Draft EIS  
Summary of Public Involvement related to Alamo Area MPO's current operational configuration.



## X. Conclusion and Recommendation

- ☒ The environmental decision has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771.129 and 43 TAC §2.85 and it has been determined that no substantial changes have occurred to the social, economic or environmental impacts of the proposed action that would substantially impact the quality of the human or natural environment. Therefore, the original environmental decision remains valid. It is recommended that the project be advanced to the next phase of project development.
- ☐ The environmental decision has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771.129 and 43 TAC §2.85 and it has been determined that the environmental decision remains valid and additional documentation has been provided.
- ☐ The environmental decision has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771.129 and 43 TAC §2.85 and it has been determined that a written reevaluation is required.
- ☐ As a result of the substantial amount of time since the last approval, or due to potentially significant changes to the project, it has been determined that a written reevaluation is required.

☒ Recommendation

☐ Approved

  
TxDOT/Delegated

11 Jun 2014

Date

☐ I do not concur with the recommendation; TxDOT must set up a meeting to resolve items.

☒ I concur with the recommendation; approval is granted to proceed to the next step to advance action.

Approved By:



Federal Highway Administration

6/19/14

Date





## Reevaluation Consultation Checklist

### X. Conclusion and Recommendation

- ☒ The environmental decision has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771.129 and 43 TAC §2.85 and it has been determined that no substantial changes have occurred to the social, economic or environmental impacts of the proposed action that would substantially impact the quality of the human or natural environment. Therefore, the original environmental decision remains valid. It is recommended that the project be advanced to the next phase of project development.
- ☐ The environmental decision has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771.129 and 43 TAC §2.85 and it has been determined that the environmental decision remains valid and additional documentation has been provided.
- ☐ The environmental decision has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771.129 and 43 TAC §2.85 and it has been determined that a written reevaluation is required.
- ☐ As a result of the substantial amount of time since the last approval, or due to potentially significant changes to the project, it has been determined that a written reevaluation is required.

☐ **Recommendation**

☐ **Approved**

\_\_\_\_\_  
TxDOT/Delegate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

☐ I do not concur with the recommendation; TxDOT must set up a meeting to resolve items.

☐ I concur with the recommendation; approval is granted to proceed to the next step to advance action.

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Highway Administration

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

VOID

## FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS IN THE US 281 DRAFT EIS

The proposed project is currently listed by the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) in *Mobility 2035*, the region's financially-constrained long range transportation plan (MTP), as four non-toll expressway lanes (two in each direction) and two managed lanes (one in each direction) from Loop 1604 to Stone Oak Parkway and six managed lanes (three in each direction) from Stone Oak Parkway to Borgfeld Drive. The direct connector ramps at the northern half of the US 281/Loop 1604 interchange are non-toll.

The Draft EIS for US 281 anticipated that the AAMPO (formerly San Antonio-Bexar County MPO) would update funding amounts and sources for the proposed project in *Mobility 2035*. Therefore, The Draft EIS included the following statement: *Future updates of Mobility 2035, or future metropolitan transportation plans (MTPs), may result in a change in project funding for the US 281 Corridor Project. Project alternatives in this Draft EIS are therefore analyzed under both toll and non-toll scenarios.* (US 281 Draft EIS, April 2013, p.2-14). The following summary provides the results of an evaluation of the AAMPO's current operational configuration (the updated AAMPO's funding arrangement consisting of a combination of non-tolled and managed lanes) as it relates to the determination of potential impacts from the Build Alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIS.

### Previous Analysis in the Draft EIS

The Draft EIS Build Alternatives (Expressway and Elevated Expressway) were each evaluated under the following three funding options:

- **Non-Toll:** All vehicles would be allowed to use the main lanes and frontage road lanes without paying a toll.
- **Toll:** All vehicles, unless exempted by Texas State Law, would pay a fixed fee toll, in accordance with Alamo Regional Mobile Authority (RMA) toll policy, for access to tolled main lanes. Under the State Toll Exemption Policy, approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on April 26, 2007, the following types of vehicles are granted free passage on toll roads: 1) authorized emergency vehicles, 2) marked military vehicles, 3) contractors' vehicles working on the construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of the toll road, and 4) any vehicle in the time of a declared emergency or natural disaster. The frontage road lanes would be non-toll.
- **Managed:** Managed lanes are defined by the FHWA as "highway facilities or a set of lanes where operational strategies are proactively implemented and managed in response to

changing (roadway) conditions”<sup>1</sup>. Managed lanes can include operational elements such as HOV that control access based on vehicle type and occupancy. For the US 281 Corridor Project, a managed main lane would offer free passage for transit vehicles and for car pools that are registered with a tag in place. All other vehicles, unless exempted by Texas State Law, would pay a fixed fee toll, in accordance with Alamo RMA toll policy. The frontage road lanes would be non-toll.

### **Review of Resources/Issues Based on Revised (Current) Operational Configuration**

The Draft EIS disclosed the potential effect of the funding options on resources and issues discussed in the document. Most resources and issues were found to be unaffected by the funding scenarios. The range of social, economic and environmental impacts presented in the Draft EIS was influenced primarily by the amount of right-of-way (ROW) required by the two Proposed Build Alternatives. Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) was described in the document as the mechanism for the toll and managed lane scenarios. Since ETC does not require any additional ROW to operate, the Proposed Build Alternatives had the same ROW requirements regardless of the funding option. Therefore, the Draft EIS considered funding options to have no effect on the following resources/issues:

- land use
- farmlands
- pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- surface water
- groundwater
- floodplains
- wetlands and other waters of the US
- vegetation
- wildlife
- threatened and endangered species
- cultural resources
- parkland and recreational areas
- hazardous/regulated materials
- visual and aesthetic qualities

The Draft EIS found funding options to have a potential effect on the following resources/issues:

- Socioeconomics (specifically Environmental Justice)
- Transportation Facility (travel forecast)
- Air Quality
- Traffic Noise

---

<sup>1</sup> Active Traffic Management: The Next Step in Congestion Management, Figure 2: Typical U.S. Managed Lane Facilities and Applications, International Programs, 11 Aug, 2007  
[http://international.fhwa.dot.gov/pubs/pl07012/images/figure\\_2.cfm](http://international.fhwa.dot.gov/pubs/pl07012/images/figure_2.cfm)

Each of these resources/issues is briefly reviewed in the following sections with an assessment of whether or not the AAMPO's current operational configuration would alter the determination of potential impacts presented in the Draft EIS.

### **Socioeconomics**

The environmental justice analysis presented in the Draft EIS reported no Census block groups within the study area that met the definition of low-income. Nevertheless, low-income populations that use the US 281 project corridor may be affected by the funding options. The Non-Toll, Toll, and Managed Lanes funding options were found to result in different socioeconomic impacts because of the cost associated with the use of a toll or managed lane. The toll and managed lanes options have the potential to affect low-income populations because a low-income person would have to use a larger percentage of his or her income to pay tolls when compared to the general population, given the same level of use. Like the Toll and Managed Lanes options analyzed in the Draft EIS, the AAMPO funding plan calls for certain main lanes to be tolled and frontage roads to provide a non-toll alternative for travel in the corridor. Similar to the Toll and Managed Lanes options, the AAMPO funding plan would offer improved travel speeds for all travelers, including those that select a toll lane and those that select a non-toll lane, when compared to the No Build Alternative. The primary difference between the Toll and Managed Lane options and the AAMPO funding plan is that the AAMPO funding plan provides more non-toll main lanes between Loop 1604 and Stone Oak Parkway (i.e., two non-toll freeway lanes in each direction). The socioeconomic effect of this difference is a reduction in the potential financial burden of a toll because more non-toll capacity is available. The financial impact of the AAMPO funding plan on low-income populations is expected to fall within the range of impacts previously considered in the Draft EIS. None of the funding options considered would result in disproportionately high and adverse effects to environmental justice populations.

### **Transportation Facility**

The Draft EIS reported forecasted 2035 traffic volumes for the No Build and Proposed Build Alternatives under each of the funding options. The funding options were found to produce predictable, although minor, changes in forecasted traffic volumes. The Non-Toll option yielded the slowest speeds and highest average daily traffic (ADT). Conversely, the Toll option had highest speeds and lowest ADT, while the Managed Lane option was in between the Non-Toll and Toll (see table excerpt from the Draft EIS, below). The AAMPO funding plan, which represents a combination of Non-Toll and Managed Lane options, is expected to be in the range of speed and ADT presented in the Draft EIS.

### **Air Quality**

The Draft EIS analyzed CO Emission Concentrations based on the Non-Toll funding option since it yielded the highest vehicles per hour, and therefore constituted a "worst-case" scenario. The AAMPO funding plan is not expected to have more traffic volume than the Non-Toll funding option.

### **Traffic Noise**

The traffic noise analysis in the Draft EIS looked at all the funding options for each proposed alternative. The analysis showed that funding options had no effect on Expressway Alternative noise impacts, and only a marginal difference for the Elevated Expressway Alternative. Noise impacts from the Proposed Build Alternatives under the AAMPO funding plan would be within the range of impacts disclosed in the Draft EIS since the traffic volume would not be significantly different.

### **Conclusion**

Based on the results of the evaluation, the AAMPO's current operational configuration would not alter the determination of potential impacts related to the Build Alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIS.

## Public Involvement Summary

The following provides a summary of public involvement activities where the combination of non-tolled and managed lanes operational configuration was disclosed to the public.

### **Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting**

June 5, 2013 – This meeting was held to discuss plans for the June 20, 2013 public hearing. Committee members provided comments on the agenda, format and presentation. One PowerPoint slide previewed for the hearing included the updated Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Regional Transportation Plan Mobility 2035 that included the combination of non-tolled and managed lanes operational configuration, which was approved on April 22, 2013.

### **Public Hearing**

June 20, 2013 - The public hearing was held to allow the public an opportunity to view the Draft EIS; inform attendees of the next steps in the EIS process; to develop a record of public views and participation in this project, as required by NEPA; and to allow the attendees to voice their questions and opinions publically and be formally recorded. One PowerPoint slide presented at the hearing included the combination of non-tolled and managed lanes operational configuration.

### **Peer Technical Review Committee (PTRC)**

March 13, 2014 – At this meeting the committee reviewed and discussed the development and refinement of the draft preferred alternative.

### **Public Meeting #4/Open House**

May 8, 2014 - Public Meeting #4 (Open House) was held at Summit Christian Center, San Antonio, TX, located within the US 281 project corridor. Meeting announcements were published in the San Antonio Express-News, La Prensa (Spanish), The San Antonio Current, The Bulverde News, The North Central News, The Herald Zeitung, on community calendars, on the US 281 Corridor Project website and in the US 281 Corridor Project newsletter (English and Spanish). Letters were also mailed to local, state, and federal elected officials. Meeting flyers were left at businesses along the US 281 project corridor. In addition, banners and dynamic messaging signs were displayed throughout the US 281 project corridor.

The purpose of this meeting was to present the draft preferred alternative for the US 281 Corridor project to be considered in the Final EIS; and to inform attendees of the next steps in the EIS process. The meeting was conducted in an open house format from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Approximately 360 people attended. Attendees were encouraged to submit comments using the following methods: (1) filling out a comment card and dropping it into the comment box; (2) giving comments verbally to a court reporter; (3) submitting comments by fax, email or the US 281 Corridor Project website; and (4) mailing comment cards to the Alamo RMA. A total of 308 comments (284 written comments and 24 comments transcribed by a court reporter) were received by the May 19, 2014 deadline.

A preliminary review of the comments received identified approximately 36 of the 309 (12 percent) comments related specifically to the non-tolled and managed lanes operational configuration. These comments focused primarily on the different configuration of the project north and south of Stone Oak Parkway. General sentiment of the comments is that those that live/travel north of Stone Oak Parkway feel they are not provided the same level of service as those that live/travel south and are therefore burdened more by the toll component of the managed lanes. A summary of Public Meeting #4 is currently in production and will include all comments received and responses.



## United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Division of Ecological Services

10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200

Austin, Texas 78758

512 490-0057

FAX 490-0974



January 7, 2015

Mr. Carlos Swonke  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78701-2483

Consultation Number 02ETAU00-2015-F-0031

Dear Mr. Swonke:

Thank you for your January 6, 2015, letter requesting formal consultation for CSJ: 0253-04-138 and 0253-04-146, in which the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) proposes to construct roadway improvements to US 281 between Loop 1604 and the Comal County line in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. TxDOT has submitted documentation to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) requesting initiation of formal section 7 consultation for the proposed project which "may affect, and is likely to adversely affect" Bexar County karst invertebrates *Cieurina madla*, *Rhadine infernalis*, and *Rhadine exilis*, species listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Your request to initiate formal consultation was received on July 06, 2015. TxDOT also requested the Service concur that the proposed project "may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect" the golden-cheeked warbler (GCW) (*Setophaga chrysoparia*).

Section 7 of the Act requires that all Federal agencies consult with the Service to ensure that the actions authorized, funded, or carried out by such agencies do not jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species or adversely modify or destroy designated critical habitat of such species. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assigned responsibility for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and all federal resource agency consultations, including section 7 formal consultations, to TxDOT in an MOU dated December 16, 2014 (23 U.S.C. 327). Therefore, TxDOT is the Federal agency associated with this proposed project.

We received the final biological assessment from TxDOT and have determined it provides sufficient information for us to proceed. Your initiation package is now complete and the initiation date for formal consultation is January 5, 2015. The Service has up to 90 days to consult and then 45 days to finalize a biological opinion. Therefore, we expect to provide you with our biological opinion no later than May 20, 2015. However, it is likely that we will be able to conclude the consultation in a much shorter time frame.

As a reminder, the Act requires that after initiation of formal consultation, the Federal action agency may not make any irreversible or irretrievable commitment of resources that limit project options. This practice insures agency actions do not preclude the formulation or implementation of reasonable and prudent alternatives that avoid jeopardizing the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or destroying or modifying their designated critical habitat.

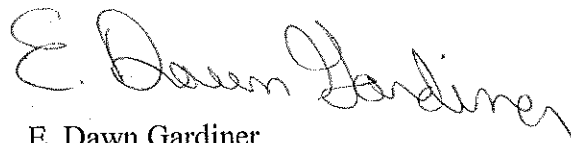
We have also reviewed the information provided on the projects potential effects to the GCW. Two years of GCW surveys were completed in 2010, with an additional year of surveys completed in 2014. All surveys were negative for the presence of GCW along the proposed project right-of-way. TxDOT is proposing to implement several voluntary conservation measures to further minimize the potential to affect the GCW. The proposed conservation measures are:

- Removal of woody vegetation would be conducted outside of the GCW breeding season, which lasts from March 1 to September 1.
- Vegetation removal would be limited to only that necessary for constructing the project.
- Construction staging areas would be located away from potential GCW habitat.

Based on the information provided, the Service concurs with TxDOT's determination that the proposed US 281 project "may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect" the GCW. However, additional consultation would be required for the GCW if: 1) the identified action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect on the GCW; or 2) new information reveals the identified action may affect the GCW in a manner or to an extent not previously considered. Due to the extended timeframe before the start of construction, TxDOT must make certain that the reinitiation triggers mentioned above have not occurred before proceeding with the project.

We appreciate your efforts to conserve these sensitive species. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Darren LeBlanc at 512-490-0057 (ext. 247) or 512-608-7591.

Sincerely,



E. Dawn Gardiner  
Acting Field Supervisor  
Coastal Ecological Services Field Office

cc: Barilyn West, TxDOT San Antonio District, San Antonio, TX (electronic)  
Meghan Powlowski, TxDOT ENV, Austin, TX (electronic)





# Town of Hollywood Park

INCORPORATED 1955

NO. 2 MECCA DRIVE AT SAN PEDRO • HOLLYWOOD PARK, TEXAS 78232-2298  
TEL (210) 494-2023 • FAX (210) 494-7859

January 20, 2015

Mr. Joe Weber  
Executive Director  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 East 11th St.  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Weber,

The Town of Hollywood Park and the Texas Department of Transportation share a common concern, which is the need to improve the congestion and safety of US 281 and Loop 1604. Hollywood Park relies on these two freeways exclusively for its accessibility in and out of the community, and therefore, the solutions considered for resolving congestion problems and increasing the safety of these roads directly impacts the quality of life for our citizens.

While your agency has the responsibility to implement an improvement plan that will allow for better connectivity for all users of the highway, our Town has the responsibility of ensuring the plan that moves forward does not disproportionately harm the health, safety and welfare of the people who live and work in Hollywood Park. Because we are geographically situated in the Southwest corner of the impact area, it is critical that TXDOT work closely with us to mitigate the conflicts that will arise from this project.

The draft environmental impact statement for the US 281 project (281 DEIS) states as the purpose of the plan, "to improve mobility and accessibility, improve safety, and *enhance community quality of life*." We expect that this includes the quality of life in Hollywood Park. But, to date, there has been no effort on the part of TXDOT or the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to work with us and learn of our unique needs and concerns in order to ensure that the plan implemented will also benefit those who live in the impact area and not simply those who travel through.

It is important you recognize that no other community is as severely impacted by this project as is the Town of Hollywood Park. First, we sit in the crosshairs of these two freeways, 281 bordering our east boundary and Loop 1604 bordering our northern boundary. We are directly impacted by diverted traffic, increased safety concerns, increased road maintenance expenses and lost access. All access into our town is directly from these two highways. Unlike any other community, when an improvement project on these roads is being considered, we cannot escape being directly impacted and harmed. The only way to minimize this harm is if your agency will work with us to develop an appropriate mitigation plan.

RECEIVED

JAN 26 2015

OFFICE/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Second, we have already experienced the negative impacts of the Loop 1604 interchange, recently completed, and will also bear the impacts of the future planned improvements on Loop 1604. Cumulatively, these impacts are increased as they affect us, and although you are required to rigorously analyze and inform the public and decision makers about these critical impacts to our town, you have failed to do so in the 281 DEIS.

Third, the socio economic impact to our Town is greater than that on any other because of our unique history and demographics. If you review figure 1-4 in the 281 DEIS on page 1-7, you will see two aerial photos of the eight mile proposed improvement project. One shows existing development prior to 1973 and one shows development as of 2009. Prior to 1973, the area was mostly rural and the only developed residential area near Hwy 281 was Hollywood Park. Today, the entire area has been fully developed and is a part of the City of San Antonio.

The Town of Hollywood Park was officially incorporated in 1955. It was established outside San Antonio to be a rural community, with oversized lots where generations of families would live, and have lived. We are an independent and unique community of families that have been neighbors for generations. We have always depended on Hwy 281 and Loop 1604 for our access to and from our homes. However, because we are an older community, and not a part of San Antonio, we have limited resources to modify our streets and way of life. This does not mean there are not solutions that could be incorporated into the 281 improvement project. We are confident there are solutions; however, it will take TXDOT working with us to learn about our community and needs, and work with us to resolve the issues.

The federal regulations guiding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process requires that appropriate mitigation measures be included in the discussion of alternatives (40 CFR 1502.14(f)). There is no discussion of how traffic will be diverted so that it does not negatively impact our residents. There is no discussion on how the Town will be compensated for the increased road maintenance expenses. There is no discussion on how our residents will be impacted if access is diminished in and out of our community.

These impacts on the human environment are required to be a part of the NEPA study, specifically as they impact the locality of the Town of Hollywood Park. We cannot wait for these discussions to be had after a plan is approved. Past experience demonstrates that your agency will neglect working with local communities once you have the green light to begin construction.

For example, during the construction of the Loop 1604 interchange, significant amount of freeway traffic was diverted onto the streets of our residential communities. Remarkably, your agency diverted the traffic without giving the Town of Hollywood Park any prior notice. Our emergency services, fire, police and ambulance, were not even given the courtesy to know of your diversion plans in order to ensure proper staffing to deal with the extraordinary amount of traffic that was moving through our residential communities. You placed our citizens in a very dangerous situation and frankly, we cannot allow that to occur again.

Additionally, while increasing the functionality of the 1604 interchange, you permanently closed two of the nine access points into the Town of Hollywood Park. These were the only two access

points we had from Highway 281. Your agency may have thought this was the preferable alternative for traffic moving through the area, but it significantly harmed our citizens. No effort was made by your agency to sit down with us and try to work out an alternative that would resolve these concerns and conflicts.

We have asked for meetings with your agency, the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority and other agencies involved on the new proposed 281 expansion, but again we are being refused the courtesy and statutory duty of your agency to work with us to resolve these conflicts prior to the completion of the final environmental impact study. We are reaching out to you, once again, to ask that you change the culture within your agency that ignores local governments, and instead sit down at the table with us and work to resolve these conflicts as a matter of good will and business.

It is critical that you meet with us to coordinate your plans and identify areas in which we can work together and areas where we may have conflicts that can be mitigated. Our goal at the end of this process is to help achieve an improved Highway 281, the same as your stated goal; however, we are also committed to ensuring this is also done in a way that enhances the quality of life for the citizens of the Town of Hollywood Park. Although you state this as one of your goals in the 281 DEIS, there has been no effort on the part of your agency or agents to fulfill this commitment.

We hope that you will accept the opportunity to work with us. To this end, we have reserved the dates of February 26, 2015 and March 9, 2015 to meet with you. We would appreciate hearing back from you as to which date is most convenient by February 6, 2015. The Environmental Protection Agency has also indicated they would like to participate in such a meeting, and we will need time to coordinate this date with them as well. If neither of these dates fit with your schedule, please contact us immediately. We will work with you to find a mutually agreeable time.

The earlier in the process we can begin to resolve these critical issues, the better it will be for all the citizens who utilize Hwy 281. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Fails", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Fails  
Mayor

Cc: John Blevins, EPA Director Compliance Assurances and Enforcement Division  
Administrator Gina McCarthy, EPA Region 6  
Chairman John Camp, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority  
Administrator Al Alonzi, FHWA Texas Division